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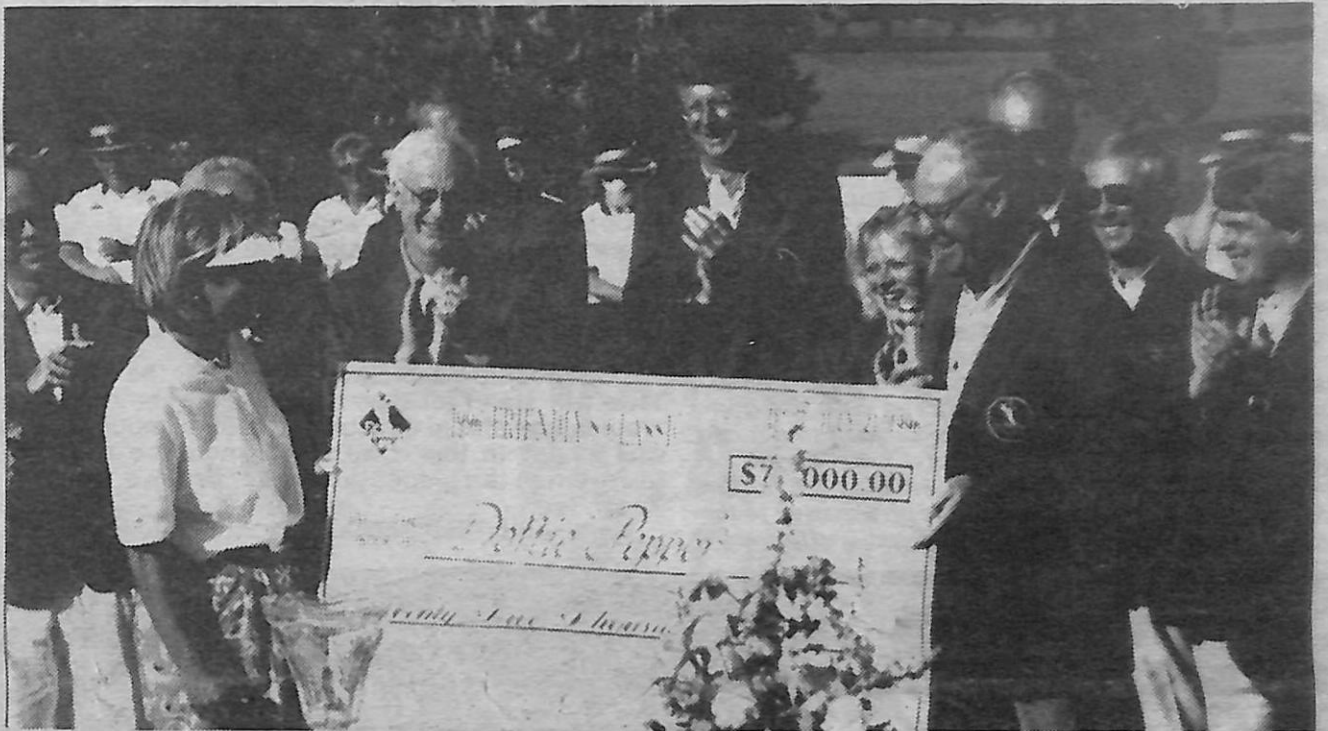
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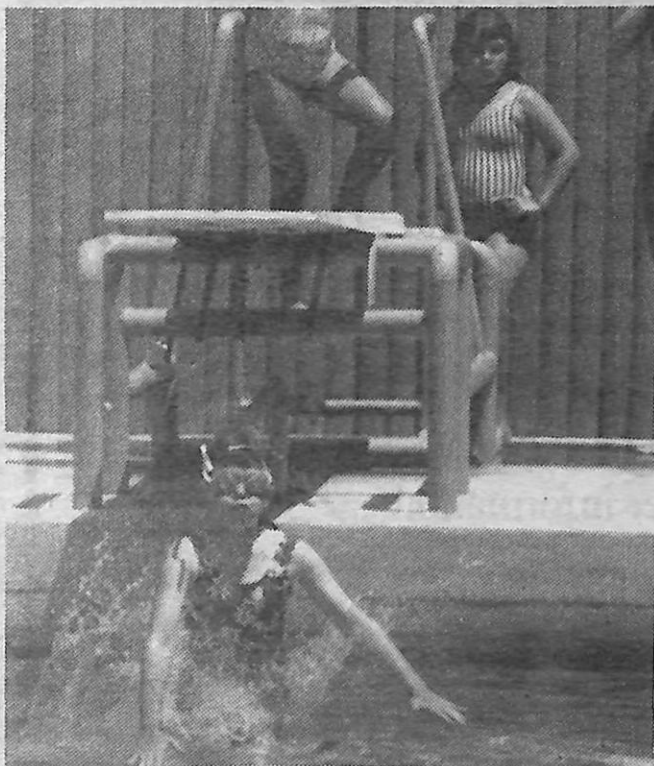
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## LPGA Big Winner For Agawam



IN LEFT PHOTO: Local caddy Wayne Leal (of Wayne's World of Golf) with Sue Thomas as they walk up the seventh fairway. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Dottie Pepper is presented with a check for \$75,000 for winning this year's tournament. (See additional photos on Pages 24 and 25.) Photos by Karen L. Barr.

## In The "Swim" Of Things...



THE CAMPERS AT PERRY LANE sure know how to handle the heat and humidity of the summer months, as evidenced by the fun they always have in the pool. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### POLICE BLOTTER COMING BACK:

Beginning with next week's edition, we will again publish the weekly Police Blotter from the Agawam Police Department. We are doing this in response to the great many requests from our readers to do so as a public service. The Blotter will be published exactly as presented by the APD.

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# Court Rules That Abutters Can Intervene Against Berkshire Power

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The written decision issued by a superior court judge last week confirmed what power plant opponents have feared ever since town solicitors were appointed to defend the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) decision not to grant Berkshire Power a special permit to build structures exceeding the zoning code 40-foot height restriction.

In granting abutters to the proposed power project the right to intervene in court, Hampden County Superior Court Judge Bertha D. Josephson ruled, "Because the abutters have relevant factual evidence which was not presented to the judge on the motion for summary judgment, it cannot be found that their interests were adequately represented."

In January, the ZBA held that its 2-1 decision in favor of granting the permit constituted a denial because their decision had to be unanimous.

When Berkshire Power sued the town, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson appointed assistant Town Solicitor Charles Scalfani to defend the minority decision of the ZBA. This came despite requests from power plant opponents and the majority of the Town Council for an independent attorney with no ties to the Mayor. Johnson is an avid supporter of the power project.

In June, Judge William Welch granted summary judgment to Berkshire Power on the grounds that a unanimous decision was not necessary and the ZBA's 2-1 vote in favor of the power project constituted an approval.

When the ZBA voted not to appeal Judge Welch's decision and entered into a settlement agreement with Berkshire Power, the abutters went to court seeking the right to act as parties aggrieved by the ZBA's decision.

## Judge Agrees With Abutters' Contention...

In issuing her ruling granting a group of 15 abutters the right to act as intervenors in the case, Judge Bertha D. Josephson agreed with the contention of the abutters "that the decision to not appeal and subsequent settlement agreement suggest the possibility of inadequate representation ... Of further concern to the court, however, is the presentation to the court by the abutters of a notarized and certified copy

of the rules and regulations of the Board of Appeals of Agawam."

Citing the ZBA rule calling for unanimous decisions in any matter requiring a public hearing and the fact that the decision for summary judgment was made without the ZBA rules being introduced into evidence, Judge Josephson found, "Arguably, the public hearing unanimous consent provision of the Rules would have had a pivotal bearing on the court's decision."

Representing the opponents of the power project, Attorney Gina Letellier said a notice of appeal has been filed challenging Judge William Welch's decision granting summary judgment to Berkshire Power. An emergency motion has been filed to supplement the record by introducing the ZBA rules as well as other information into evidence.

"I think we're finally going to have someone fighting on behalf of the property and business owners," Ms. Letellier said. "We'll be able to make arguments that weren't made by the town's attorney."

Ms. Letellier said the judge's decision confirmed power plant opponents' belief that the town attorney did not adequately represent the citizens.

"Let people draw their own conclusions," Ms. Letellier said.

## CCBA Has Always Been Confident...

Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam spokesman Kenneth Forni said they have always been confident of winning the battle to prevent construction of a power plant near residential neighborhoods.

"Our position has always been that the zoning laws will stand for themselves," Forni said. "We wouldn't be stupid enough to invest so much time and money in this if we didn't know the zoning laws. When the judges get to see the laws, they'll know, too."

Forni criticized Scalfani for not entering the

ZBA rules into evidence in defending the town's interest and said the attorney owed the taxpayers an explanation.

"We've paid his legal fees but instead of getting a triple-decker club, all we're getting is a thin slice of baloney," Forni said. "This is a black mark for the town's Law Department."

Forni said power plant opponents were upset over remarks made by the Mayor during last week's televised budget message. Johnson said he was proposing to add \$7,500 to the law department's consulting budget largely to pay increased costs due to opposition to Berkshire Power.

"That's just not true," Forni said. "It was Berkshire Power who sued the town and the Mayor knows that, yet he thinks he can blame us and that people will believe him. He's losing his credibility."

Johnson refused the opportunity to comment.

Ms. Letellier said she expected no decision in the appeal before the end of the summer. If all parties to the action take the maximum amount of time allotted to prepare their cases, it will take three months before all the relevant materials are before the judge.

Despite past statements by power plant opponents indicating their intention to kill the project with legal delays, Berkshire Power officials remain confident that they will prevail.

Company spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said the possibility of a three-month-long battle over the intervenors' right to appeal Judge Welch's decision would have no effect on Berkshire Power's ability to continue with the permitting process.

"We're still working with the Department of Environmental Protection and we're moving toward financial closing," O'Reilly said. "Judge Josephson's decision may allow them to get in and join the fight, but it doesn't mean anything in terms of a ruling."



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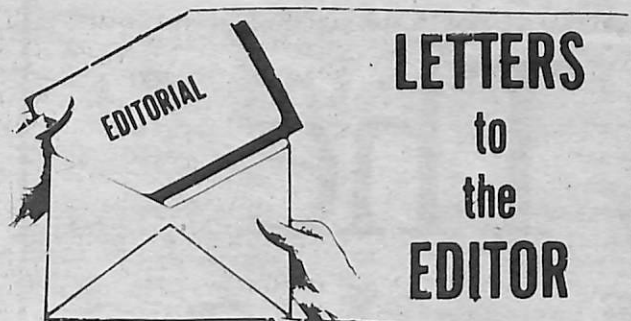
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## Resident Does Not Appreciate New Bar/Restaurant In F. Hills

### To The Editor:

I would like to **THANK** all the neighbors and abutters for their support in allowing a bar/restaurant to be put in the Galleria Shops.

One-hundred people were there last February to turn down the bar across the street. **WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME???**

Does it really matter to you people which corner the bar is located on? I hope you realize that this is a bar with 17, not seven, seats with a number of TV's and serving sandwiches. Does this sound like a family restaurant?

Again, thanks for all your **SUPPORT** and I hope when you may be awakened at 2:00 a.m. with loud noises or squealing brakes, thank your neighbors!!!

Joan Bonello  
Feeding Hills

## What Is Mayor Johnson Afraid Of Regarding BP Controversy?

### To The Editor:

Mayor Johnson, what are you afraid of? Twice our Town Council has requested \$2,500 to hire a consultant to look at the in-lieu-of-tax deal you negotiated with Berkshire Power. Twice you rejected that request. Why? What are you afraid of? You said that you negotiated the best deal for the town. Many people in town think that your deal stinks. What will the consultant say? Is that what you're afraid of?

Last week in your \$43.5 million budget proposal, you said more money was needed in the law department consulting account due to increased litigation costs brought about by opponents of Berkshire Power. Mayor Johnson, how dare you make a statement like that! That statement is not true and you know it. What are you afraid of?

People in town (including you, Mayor Johnson) know that **Berkshire Power took our town to court**, not the opponents! The legal costs accrued by the town have come defending the zoning laws of Agawam **against** Berkshire Power. You choose **not** to defend our zoning laws. What are you afraid of? I find it comical that you increased the law department budget after you refuse the Town Council money to hire a consultant. You are afraid of something!

When the Agawam Town Council asked for an independent Attorney to argue the case on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals against Berkshire Power, you refused. Why? What were you afraid of?

When your Town Solicitor, Attorney Charles Sciafani, argued on behalf of the Zoning Board and its Rules and Regulations against Berkshire Power, you could not openly defend the laws of Agawam. That would have been a conflict of interest because you had stated that you are in favor of the power plant.

Attorney Sciafani, unfortunately for all

residents of Agawam, never entered into evidence the AGAWAM ZONING RULES and REGULATIONS. Why?

Was this the biggest mistake of Attorney Sciafani's legal career, or did he just have a bad day? I don't believe he is incompetent, so let's just go along with Judge Josephson's opinion that "... the decision not to appeal and subsequent settlement agreement suggest the possibility of inadequate representation." Is THIS the reason, Mayor Johnson, that you need more money in the legal budget?

Mayor Johnson, when you went into Executive Session with the Zoning Board of Appeals, why did you try to convince them that they had no chance of winning an appeal? What were you afraid of?

Why did you go into Judge Josephson's courtroom in Northampton as our new Town Solicitor and defend the Zoning Board's decision not to appeal, and at the same time argue to keep the abutters from intervening in the case. The abutters are residents and taxpayers of your town. What are you afraid of?

Why were the **Rules and Regulations of our Zoning Board of Appeals never entered into evidence by our Town Solicitor?** Why did the attorney for the abutters have to enter these Rules and Regulations into evidence? Why are the people of Agawam defending the laws of Agawam, with private funds, when you and your lawyers choose to convince people that there is no chance to win? When key evidence is withheld in a court case, there is little chance of winning.

Why was key evidence withheld?

What are you afraid of?

I THINK YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE TRUTH.

Unfortunately, a number of people of Agawam don't know what you're trying to do. They're not as close to the situation as we are, so they don't know the truth. Fortunately, the abutters, the CCBA, and a growing number of residents do know the truth.

We will continue to tell the truth about YOU Mayor Johnson, your three obedient Councilors, and Berkshire Power.

The **Facts** are the **Truth**, and the **Truth** will hurt you. **That's** what you're afraid of.

Sincerely,  
Ken Forni, Concerned Agawam Taxpayer  
Agawam

## Western Mass. Counties Are In Danger Of Losing Their 'Voice'

### To The Editor:

As a candidate for County Commissioner, I have been asked time and again, "What does a commissioner do?"

Let me start with a brief history of the creation of our county as stated in *Western Massachusetts - A History*.

"In the absorbingly interesting history of the Connecticut Valley the vast territory originally known as Springfield, made the latter literally the mother of the 'County,' as well as township-form of government for the whole region. Many new problems not possible to be foreseen by the settlers led to the appointment of the 'plantation committee' for the consideration of 'Settling the towns into the form of a County' in 1662 which resulted in the establishment of the 'county called Hampshire,' with Springfield as the shire town. With the increase in population and responsibilities ... the sub-division of Hampshire County, by which Franklin was created June, 1811, and Hampden by legislative enactment in the following February.

"County affairs have been administered by 'county commissioners' (usually three) since 1662, the birthday of the County. When Hampden

County was formed, these groups of commissioners were called 'Courts of General Sessions' or 'General Sessions of The Peace,' composed of justices of the peace appointed by the several towns of the county and ordered to meet at the county-seat at stated intervals."

Little has changed since the Hampden County was formed in 1812. Present day commissioners still meet once per week on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the county-seat in Springfield. However, they no longer oversee the budgets for the justices, their staff, public defender dept., the District Attorney's office and staff, or the county jail system as they are now administered by the Commonwealth. Likewise, the Sheriff's Dept. has a separate budget through the corrections facility. The sheriff negotiates his own budget with the Commonwealth and the commissioners merely sign the checks.

The commissioners may no longer be needed to oversee many of the budgets or duties dealing with the courts and jails, which would become standardized under the Commonwealth, as they once did. However, the County should still have the function central to its creation which was the organization of the cities and towns.

The modern county should become a collective bargaining unit for the cities and towns within its boundaries. There are still many areas that may be better administered collectively for the cities and towns within the county that may not have been foreseen by the original commissioners but have evolved and are still evolving.

The most important should be the local checks and balances of the Commonwealth's handling the courts and jails through locally elected officials such as the sheriff, the three commissioners, and the treasurer. The commissioners should remain in charge of site selection for new courts and jails within the county and all presently held, unused, county land abandoned to the host communities. Services such as animal control, bulk purchasing, municipal printing needs, etc., that are currently enjoyed by the cities and towns through the county commissioners should be retained and expanded.

A promising new area to develop for the county commissioners would be the active promotion of the county to attract business, industry, and tourism as well as the consolidation and dispensing of information about each city and town as well as for each city and town through cable T.V., the world-wide web, and the Internet.

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Friday, August 2nd  
Nocturnal Adoration Society at St. Anthony's Church, Agawam  
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# — Agawam Obituaries —

## Pauline A. White

Pauline Adele (Johnson) White, 101, of 52 Highland Avenue, North Falmouth, MA, died on Thursday, July 18th, in the Falmouth Hospital.

Born on August 16, 1895 in Agawam, she was a graduate of Agawam High School.

In 1917, she married James Arthur White. She resided in Westfield for 10 years, Lancaster, MA, for eight years, and Somerville, MA, before moving to North Falmouth in the early 1940's.

She worked as a florist in the Falmouth area. When she retired, she continued to work part-time as a florist until she was in her early 80's.

She was a member of the North Falmouth Congregational Church, the Grange, the Thrift Shop at the North Falmouth Congregational Church, and "Know Your Neighbors" (a social club). She enjoyed knitting and was an avid reader.

She was predeceased by her husband.

She is survived by her son, Paul A. White of Cobleskill, New York; a brother, Leonard Johnson of Agawam; two grandchildren, James A. White of Brimfield, MA, and Mrs. Caryn Stone of Poynette, Wisconsin; two great-grandchildren, both living in Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours, and a memorial service will be held at a later date in the North Falmouth Congregational Church. Arrangements were made by the Cape Cod Cremation Service, a division of the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 40 MacArthur Blvd., Bourne, MA.

## William Zych

William Zych, 76, of 12 Alice Burke Way, Westfield, a 38-year roofer for C.J. Sullivan in Holyoke, died at a local nursing home.

Born in Holyoke, he attended local schools and was a resident of Westfield for the past three years. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Church in Westfield and a member of local 248.

He leaves his wife, the former Dolores DeBarge; two sons, Kenneth and William, both of South Hadley; two daughters, Shirley Dean of Easthampton and Elizabeth Bombardier of Newport News, Virginia; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral and burial was at the convenience of the family. Dillon Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Hospital, Intensive Care Unit, East Silver Street, Westfield 01085.

## James C. Walters

James C. Walters, 56, of 1810 Main Street, Agawam, died Saturday, July 20th, at home.

Born in Hartford, CT, he had lived in Southwick before moving to Agawam 27 years ago.

He had previously been employed by Hood's in Suffield, CT, for 15 years.

He leaves his wife, the former Norma Clark; two sons, Kevin J. Walters of Windsor, CT, and Stephen J. Walters of Agawam; a daughter, Cynthia M. Bajek of Longmeadow; and a brother, Thomas S. Walters of Windsor Locks.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, July 23rd, at the Nicholson & Carmen Funeral Home, 443 East Street, Suffield, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Suffield.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT.

## Barbara J. Goulet

Barbara J. (Houle) Goulet, 56, of 18 Blacksmith Road in Feeding Hills, the office manager at P.R.N. Corp., died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1959 graduate of Cathedral High School there. She moved here in 1975 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband, Ronald C. Goulet; two sons, Jeffrey P. of Belchertown and Gary P. of Feeding Hills; a sister, Lucille Duquette of Springfield.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, 01102-9058.

## Lillian N. Martell

Lillian (Newsome) Martell, 65, of Enfield, CT, an employee of Buxton Corp. in Agawam for more than 25 years, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Stafford, CT, she spent all of her life in this area.

She leaves her husband, Reginald Martell of St. Albans, VT; three sons, Carl Hebert of Nevada, James Hebert of Ellington, CT, and Russell Hebert of Enfield; a sister, Mrs. Earl Daniels of Somers, CT; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Somers Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

## Gwendolyn J. Diduk

Gwendolyn J. (Perkins) Diduk, 62, of 18 South St., Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a six-year employee at the former Blake's Department Store in Springfield. She was also a real estate agent for Bergeron and Mellis Real Estate.

Born in Chicopee, she was a graduate of Chicopee High School. She lived most of her life in Agawam.

She leaves her husband, Paul Diduk; four sons, Robert of Westfield, Paul of Southwick, Jeffrey and Randy, both of Agawam; a daughter, Sherry LaPerle of Chicopee; two brothers, Wayne of Springfield and Richard of Chicopee; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040.

## Lillian M. Bielinski

Lillian M. (Gacona) Bielinski, 69, of 57 Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, an employee of Buxton Co. from 1966 to 1971, died at home.

She also worked at the former Bigelow & Sanford Co. in Enfield, CT.

Born and schooled in Thompsonville in Enfield, she moved to Feeding Hills in 1951. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her husband, John P. Bielinski, Jr., died in 1979.

She leaves two sons, Ronald J. and Robert M. of Feeding Hills; a brother, Thomas of Enfield; and three sisters, Vincie Tipton of Wallingford, Josephine Hiedeman of Springfield, and Nancy Cadieux of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family at 57 Belvidere Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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## Town Holds Ceremony To Rededicate "George's Marker"

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

George Washington and Lois Buiniskas have something in common. They have both traveled on Agawam's Main Street.

Washington was on his way to take command of the American forces at Cambridge on June 30, 1775.

Lois was on her way to school every day.

Sixty years ago, a one-room schoolhouse drew Lois Buiniskas and her brothers and sisters to the juncture of River Road and Main Street.

Miss Weeks was their teacher. They thought she was a doll, and the older boys had the envied task of sending the flag up the flagpole in front of the school.

The children gathered around the potbellied stove on cold winter days and around a memorial stone in the traffic island on patriotic holidays.

Along with her sister, Claire Barden, Lois returned to a spot filled with memories of school days and parades to see "our stone" restored to a place of honor.

Members of the Mercy Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined local officials and town residents on Sunday afternoon, July 21st, to rededicate a marker commemorating George Washington's ride through town in 1775.

Originally placed in the traffic island at River Road and Main Street in 1915 by the DAR, the marker has been remounted and moved to the front lawn of Thorpe's Office Supply nearly six years after local historians had the plaque removed to save it from destruction.

Over the years, the marker site sank into neglect and many car accidents added to the deterioration of the memorial.

Fearing the eventual destruction of the plaque, local historians had the marker removed six years ago and placed in storage at the Atlas Foundries on Industrial Lane, according to Marilyn Curry of the Agawam Historical Society.

The mangled plaque was repaired at no charge, and the stone mounting was donated by Atlas owner Paul Galaska.

### Mayor Johnson Presents Citation...

Taking time out from attending the LPGA Friendly's Classic, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson brought a citation honoring Galaska for his work on veterans' and historical monuments in town.

Johnson praised Galaska as someone who is always the first to step up to the plate to make a contribution, but typically absent when his work is being honored.

"We're going to have to go to his shop and get him in a sneak attack," Johnson said.

As his counterpart did 81 years ago, Rev. Curt Fuller, pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church, opened the ceremony with an invocation.

A candidate for the Third Hampden District state representative seat, Robert Magovern of Agawam said it was his lifelong interest in history that prompted him to arrange for the restoration of the marker (rather than his political aspirations).

"My family was there that day in 1915," Magovern said. "My mother was in the crowd, and her cousin was the town clerk who accepted the plaque."

Magovern asked the crowd of about 30 people to imagine the stir that would have been caused at the sight of an army marching through a quiet farm town.

"Imagine the young children running out to see the strange occurrence of military men riding down Main Street," Magovern said. "And try to imagine what must have been going through the minds of those men who were leaving Virginia to join what had been a Massachusetts fight."

Perhaps the original owners of the house now occupied by Brad and Susan Thorpe and their son, James, were among the townspeople rushing out to see the new American Commander-in-Chief. The house was built around 1770 by Captain John Porter and has been in the Thorpe family for 40 years, according to the Thorpes.

"We're proud to be able to provide the location



**SOME OF THE PEOPLE** who were at the July 21st "rededication" of the marker commemorating George Washington's ride through town on his way to take command of the American forces at Cambridge on June 30, 1775. Thanks to the efforts of local historians, the marker has been remounted and moved to its new home on the front lawn of Thorpe's Office Supply. (SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ON PAGE 10.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

for the memorial," Thorpe said. "We're very interested in the town and its history. It all adds to the success of the town when people are willing to make it a better place."

Magovern said he took it upon himself to get the monument restored.

"Agawam means a lot to me and if you're going to take pride in your future, you've got to take pride in your past," Magovern said.

Magovern says history serves as the rudder that

keeps society moving in the right direction.

Magovern said he was looking into restoring a second DAR plaque commemorating Washington's trip along Main Street on the way to dedicate the Springfield Armory.

Originally set in a boulder and placed in the traffic island at Main and Federal Streets, the bronze plaque has been missing for years. Magovern said it would cost about \$1,000 to replace the plaque.

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## Melconian Secures Funding For Western Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced the adoption of a provision in the Final Deficiency Budget of FY 96 which would provide the State Department of Veterans' Services \$25,000 to conduct a study and prepare a plan to establish a state veterans' cemetery in Western Massachusetts. The study and plan will look primarily at federally owned land at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, but will also examine other potential sites.

"Hampden County has nearly 53,000 veterans and Chicopee has more veterans per capita than any other community in the Commonwealth," Melconian said. "This will address an important need for our veterans and will provide Western Massachusetts veterans with a nearby veterans' cemetery." The only veterans' cemetery in Massachusetts is located in Bourne.

According to the 1990 census, there are over 650,000 veterans living in Massachusetts. Of that 650,000, 96,627 live outside the service area (90 miles) of a veterans' cemetery. A veterans' cemetery constructed in Western Massachusetts would service 94,227 of those unserved veterans.

"Clearly, the best place to construct such a state veterans' cemetery is in Western Massachusetts," stated Melconian.

There is little difference between a state and national veterans' cemetery. Both provide the deceased veterans and their spouses' headstones, burial costs, and flags on memorial occasions. The main difference is the cost. National cemeteries are funded in Washington; state cemeteries are funded in Boston.

However, half of the initial costs and a substantial portion of the annual costs are subsidized by the federal government. The Commonwealth would be able to apply for grants to fund up to \$1.5 million for initial outlays, and additional grants to cover operating costs.

Numerous states across the nation have built or are building state veterans' cemeteries. Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, and Connecticut currently have operating state veterans' cemeteries, while New Hampshire is constructing one.

Nearby state veterans' cemeteries provide veterans' families and loved ones closer access to their deceased relative and make funerals much simpler. Currently, a Springfield family would have to drive over two hours to Bourne to in-

ter their relative.

If they were late or missed their 15-minute burial window, they would be unable to have their service. They would have to simply leave their deceased without a graveside service.

"We should be able to provide our veterans, men and women who have served their nation and state proudly, a decent burial site. Occasionally, these veterans are called to make the supreme sacrifice for our country and they deserve such a site. Further, their families should not have to drive over 100 miles to bury them. There should be a Western Massachusetts veterans' cemetery," Melconian explained.

The commissioned study and plan for implementation will be submitted to both the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees by October 31, 1996. The study and plan will include initial outlay projections for the purchase of the land and construction of the cemetery; applicable available federal matching funds from the Veterans' Administration's State Cemetery Grant Program; estimated annual operating costs; and possible federal subsidies to augment state annual operating expenses.

## Melconian Announces Passage Of Information Technology Bond Bill

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the recent Senate passage of a \$309 million Information Technology Bond Bill, including \$86 million to improve the educational technology in the Commonwealth.

"The Senate understands the importance of technology in the state, and has allocated substantial and needed money toward information and educational technology," Melconian said.

"Educational advancement has long been one of the Senate's top priorities, and the money allocated will help our schools progress into the 21st century, and provide students with the skills to succeed in a society increasingly reliant on technology," Melconian continued.

Highlighting the education technology funding is \$30 million in state matching grants that would be available to support local investments in

education technology projects by school districts. The projects would be judged by the Department of Education, and grants would be awarded based on factors ranging from the depth of community involvement to the cost per student for the program.

Additional education funding in the Senate IT Bond Bill deals with improving the state network infrastructure, and the advancement of technology at the University of Massachusetts and other state and community colleges.

The state and community colleges would receive up to \$5 million for the advancement of library technology, and UMASS is directed to collaborate with the public state and community college system to share technical educational applications.

"In a changing world, we must upgrade the technology in our schools, to improve the learning

environment, the quality of learning, and the access to valuable information that technology is able to provide," Melconian said.

The Senate legislation would also provide \$45 million to upgrade technology in programs and departments of the Executive Office of Public Safety.

Technology increases in areas such as the creation of an interface between the district courts and the Registry of Motor Vehicles in drunk driving cases will raise the efficiency and effectiveness of the Cabinet office. An additional \$178 million would be allocated for the upgrading of technology in other government offices and departments in Massachusetts.

The legislation now moves to the House, where the legislation is currently in the House Ways & Means Committee. If it is enacted, the Governor has said he will sign it.

## Agawam COA Seeks Nomination For "Gallano Award"

The Agawam Council on Aging is currently accepting nominations for its annual Andrew C. Gallano Award. This award is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include (but not be limited to) the following:

- Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To obtain a nomination form, contact the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242. When you receive the form, please fill in the following information:

- Date
- Nominee's name
- Address
- In the space provided, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam. If you have submitted a name in some previous year, please do not hesitate to submit it for the 1996 nomination.
- Your name and phone number. (This information is not absolutely necessary, but if given will be kept confidential.)

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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## Families

# Agawam Senior Center Boots-Up With Huge Elderly Info Network

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

A large amount of information about social services and topics especially pertinent to the elderly is on a computer program at the Agawam Senior Center. It is available to anyone and can provide much information in a minimum of time.

The program, in the Center's office, is manned by Valina Sperato Carpenter, deputy executive director of the Senior Center. Valina attended a seminar in the spring where the Greater Springfield Senior Services (GSSS) presented this program. She had compiled the data and was making it available to senior centers. Valina recommended its purchase for Agawam.

The computer program comes in a photo album-like cover. Two of the discs contained set up the program in the hard-drive accessory of the center computer, and two discs present the menu or a long alphabetical listing of such subjects as specialized transportation, pharmacies, legal services, money management and loans, food shopping and stamps, foster care, handling emergencies, and housing.

Other areas include Medicare and Medicaid, tax abatement, tax preparation assistance and assessors (with telephone numbers), housing improvements (such as adding safety rails or other improvements to dwellings), supplemental security income, etc. It lists the social agencies in the area as well as federal and state programs, addresses, and telephone numbers.

### Information On Request

The "Windows Program" is set up on the computer in Valina's office and she operates it in response to requests. Anyone with a problem or question on loans, transportation, taxes, etc., can telephone Valina or see her at the office and at the least be directed to finding answers, and at the most, secure the information they seek.

The program is called "A Real Time Saver," and Valina says it sure is. "In a few seconds I can find information on the computer, addresses, and telephone numbers it would otherwise take a lot longer to locate," she noted.

The program is updated periodically by a member of the Greater Springfield Senior Services office.

Valina has been deputy executive director of the Senior Center for five months. A native of Syracuse, New York, she holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and sociology. Having gone to college in this area, she said she fell in love with it and chose to locate here.

She worked for one year at the Greater Springfield Social Services as a case manager/team facilitator before coming to the Agawam Center.

Her other interests include golfing, at which she considers herself a beginner, and she and her husband enjoy riding their mountain bikes.

There will be an explanation of the new computer program in the August Senior Center newsletter, "Senior Scene."



VALINA SPERATO CARPENTER, deputy executive director of the Agawam Senior Center, uses the new computer program that offers Agawam's senior citizens a wealth of information that is pertinent to their well-being.

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## Beautification Comm. Spruces Up In Time For LPGA Tourney

Right up to opening day, the Agawam Beautification Committee was working to help prepare the town for the large number of visitors expected for the LPGA Golf Tournament. Final preparations were made to the new landscaping/planter installed on the day the tournament opened at the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets.

The Beautification Committee had earlier represented to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce that some of the funds the Chamber had contributed would be used to install a new landscaping/planter at this location, which is on the main route to the Crestview tournament site.

John Zebryk of the Beautification Committee said that various delays and weather problems made it appear as if the Committee would not make its commitment to the Chamber until Joe DeCaro of DeCaro Bros. Landscaping responded to its appeal for help. DeCaro Bros. broke into their busy schedule and donated labor and materials to get the job done at the last minute.

Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas, speaking for the Town and the Beautification Committee, wanted to thank all of the individuals and businesses which contributed to the overall effort.

Bitzas said, "Agawam never looked better. Most of this was done by volunteers who responded with a wonderful community spirit, overriding some of the other issues which sometimes divide us. It was a struggle, but we were glad to meet our commitment to the Chamber."

Last year, the Beautification Committee installed 12 flower barrels on the asphalt divider strips at the intersection of Suffield Street and Route 57, and this year installed an additional five for a total of 17.

*Best local news...*

**THE CREW OF DECARO Brothers Landscaping spruced-up the new planter at Silver & Suffield Streets in time for the LPGA. Pictured above are committee members George Bitzas (left) and John Zebryk (right) with Joe DeCaro.**

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## Jeffways Celebrate Birth Of 4th Child

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The couple's other children are six year-old Robert and four year-old twins, Nicholas and Alexandra.

Mrs. Jeffway is the former Celeste Regina DiPietro of Agawam.

Grandparents are Mrs. John DiPietro of Agawam and the late Mr. DiPietro, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jeffway of Northampton.

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## Early American Summer Days For Kids At Storowton Village In August

Your kids don't have to dig through the encyclopedia to learn about the past. History is alive and well at Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum where your children can experience a little of life as it was in a 19th century New England village.

There are a limited number of spaces available for this enlightening journey to an authentically reconstructed 19th century village. Early American Summer Days is open to children ages seven to 12 and will run for two sessions, August 5th-9th and August 12th-16th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Storowton Village Museum, located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass., is the perfect setting for children to try on a 19th century lifestyle and join in challenging, hands-on activities, crafts and games throughout the week. Opportunities to make paper, work a blacksmith's forge, milk a cow, make cheese and butter, weave baskets, and much more await participants.

Children will also have the chance to write with quill pens in the Village's one-room schoolhouse, play hoop and sack games on the Green, learn about life 150 years ago, enjoy storytelling, and more.

Each day of the week introduces a different theme:

**Monday: "Leave Today Day"** - Children will begin to recreate the roles of their Early American predecessors by donning 19th century clothing,

meeting new friends, and learning about life in New England in the 1800's.

**Tuesday: "Handmade Day"** - Participants will spend the day learning Early American crafts including candle dipping, tinsmithing, and pottery making. Children will sing and dance to live, 19th century music and visit the homes and workshops of Storowton's villagers.

**Wednesday: "Dairy Day"** - Children will learn about dairy products first-hand by milking a cow and churning butter at the Gilbert Farmstead. Wednesday's activities will also include making homemade herb muffins from scratch, beginning with grinding corn into meal, and harvesting herbs from Aunt Helen's Herb Garden. The muffins will then be baked in an open hearth. Making apple cider with a cider press is also on the day's menu.

**Thursday: "Wool Day"** - Children will help shear sheep and learn how to card, spin, and weave and dye wool.

**Friday: "Show-off Day"** - Kids get the chance to show off the knowledge they've gained as they take their parents on a tour of the Village and demonstrate the crafts and skills they have learned. Parents will also be entertained by skits created and performed by their children on the stage, located in the Museum Garden.

The cost of each session is \$110 per child. For registration and information, contact Dennis Picard, Storowton Village Museum program coordinator, at (413) 787-0136.

## Littleville Community Fair Scheduled For August 2nd Thru 4th

The Littleville Community Fair is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The fair will be held August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and it will take place at the fairgrounds in Chester, MA.

For further information, please call (413) 296-4354 (or [413] 667-3193 after August 1st) and ask for Donna.

*Best local news...*

## Storowton Seeks BIG E Volunteers

Be a Storowton Village Museum volunteer during The Big E, September 13th-29th, learn about New England's rich heritage, and share that knowledge with interesting people from throughout the region.

Volunteers receive free Big E gate admission and parking during work days. Training begins on Wednesday, August 21st.

For more information on this exciting opportunity, contact Dennis Picard, Storowton Village program coordinator, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (413) 787-0136.

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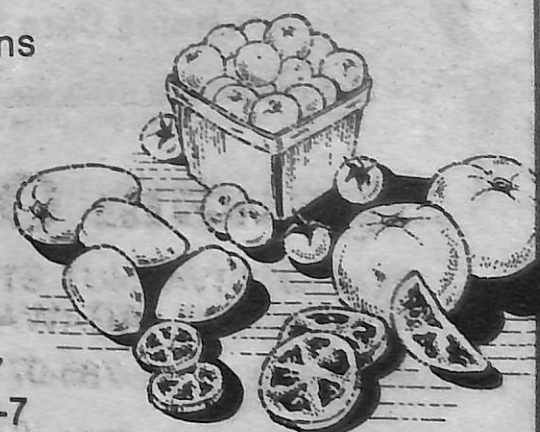
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## Riverside Park Donates Staff To Maintain Flowers At Bridge

The flowers and plants at the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge entrance to town have never looked better thanks to the efforts of Ed Carroll's landscaping staff from Riverside Park.

Again this year, Riverside has responded to the Beautification Committee's appeal for "Adopters" and has taken over the maintenance of the most visible planter located at one of the major gateways to Agawam.

Councilman George Bitzas took this opportunity to not only thank Mr. Carroll for his help with the Town's beautification efforts, but to also thank Riverside for the many other public support activities it initiates and participates in. Mr. Bitzas said, "For two generations, Riverside has been a truly good neighbor and, as the Town's largest employer, can always be counted on to be responsive to the concerns of its citizens and supportive of our public programs."

For the past five seasons, Riverside has adopted the planter at the welcome sign located at the intersection of Springfield and Suffield Streets. In addition to regularly weeding the flowers, they provide mulch and humus and trim the shrubs so as to make that entrance to town as attractive as possible to all visitors. Riverside has also expressed interest in the new designs recently submitted of the three major gateways and has indicated their implementation will receive its support.

## AHS Class Of 1986 To Hold Barbeque

To commemorate its 10-year reunion, Agawam High School's class of 1986 will be holding an outdoor barbecue on Saturday, September 7, 1996 at Shaker Farms Country Club, Shaker Road, Westfield.

There will be games, a D.J., and a full bar. Bring the kids.

Adults are \$20, and kids over five years of age are \$7.

Invitations are in the mail. Hope you'll join us! For more information, call 789-7739.



**BEAUTIFICATION** member George Bitzas (center) thanks Riverside Park owner and operator Edward J. Carroll, Jr. (right), for donating staff to maintain the flowers at the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge. Looking on are Carroll's son, William (left) and Mark Lacombe, landscape supervisor. Advertiser

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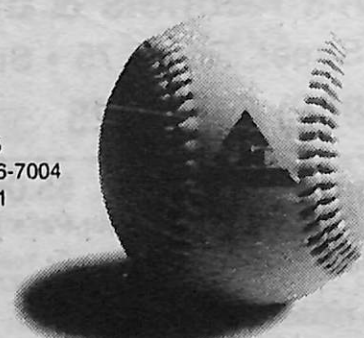
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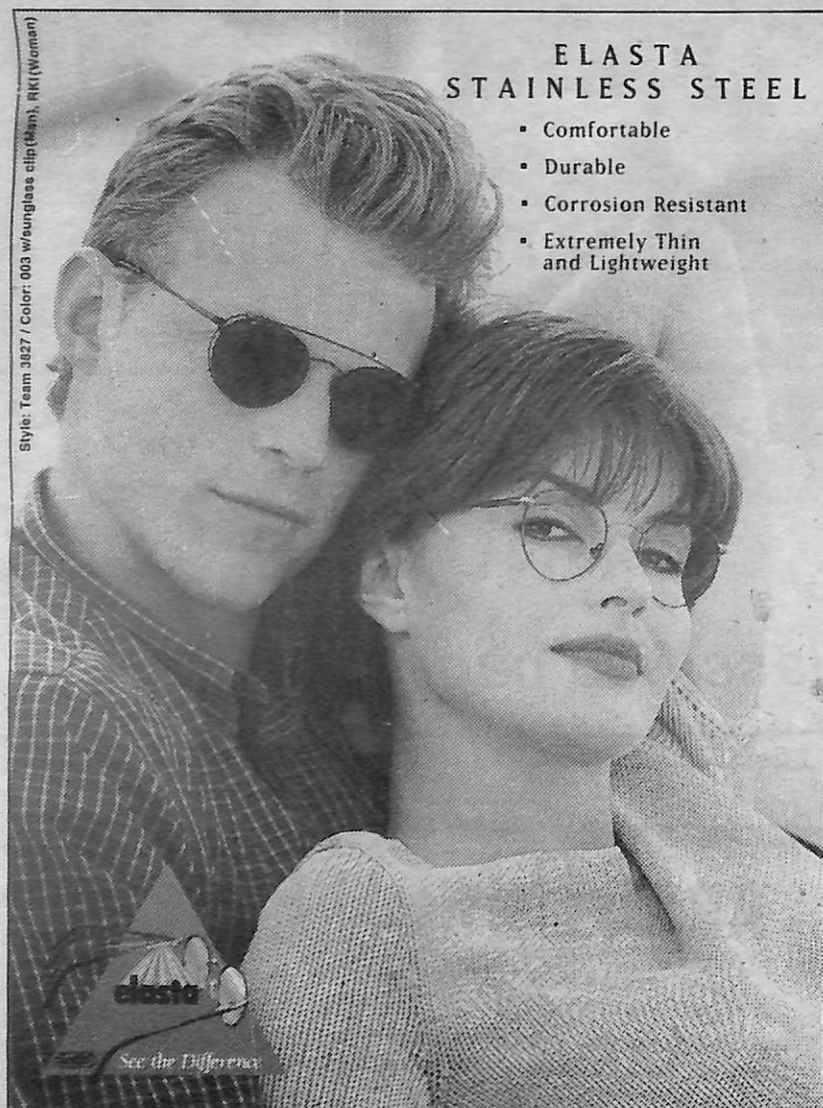
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## Golden Agers Chapter II Meets For Summer Banquet



HELPING TO COORDINATE the Annual Banquet of the Agawam Golden Agers (Chapter II) held earlier this month were, from left - Mary Spinelli, Rose McCobb, Perry McCobb, and Virginia Lake. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### 'Blueberry Bridge' Scheduled For August 6th In Blandford

A tradition for more than half a century, the annual "Blueberry Bridge" — held by the Blandford Club's Women's Social Committee each summer — is set this year for Tuesday, August 6th, beginning at 12:00 noon.

The event will feature homemade blueberry pie and vanilla ice cream with beverages. A bake sale featuring a host of goods (all made with Blandford blueberries) will also be a part of the festivities.

There will be door prizes, table prizes, and a raffle. A handmade quilt, valued at \$350, will be the major raffle prize.

Bring your own cards and play the card game of your choice.

Tickets are \$5 per person and \$20 per table. Reservations are due by July 30th and can be made by calling 269-4633 or 562-9580.

### Michael A. Izzo Enlists In U.S. Army

Michael A. Izzo has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Springfield.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Izzo will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri for military basic training on September 25th. By enlisting, Izzo qualifies for a \$5,000 bonus.

He is the son of Sharon J. Rainey of 420 Springfield St., Agawam, and Michael J. Izzo of 25 Morris St., Springfield.



SOME OF THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGERS (Chapter II) who attended the Annual Banquet earlier this month included (top photo) - Robert Rivers, Jessie Rivers, and Ed Bobecki (standing), and Barbara Rivers, Earl Rivers, Yolanda Silvestri, Linda Gacona, and Helen Bobecki (seated); BOTTOM PHOTO - seated - Nellie Mathias, Mary Laskowski, Irene Moraczewski, and Betty Bava. Front row - Evelyn M. Morawski, Lydia Martignetti, Sally LaPierre, and Rita MacGowan. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Kelly Ann Piccoli Becomes Bride Of Jay Michael Passerini

Agawam Congregational Church, located on Main Street in Agawam, was the setting for the Sunday, May 26, 1996 wedding of Kelly Ann Piccoli and Jay Michael Passerini, both of Agawam. Reverend Curt Fuller, pastor of Agawam Congregational, performed the 5:00 p.m. ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Laurene Piccoli-O'Keefe of Agawam and Thomas Piccoli of Pacific Palisades, California. The bridegroom is the son of Judy Passerini of Feeding Hills and Harold Passerini of Westfield.

Stacy Piccoli, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Michael Passerini, brother of the groom, was the best man.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1992 graduate of Western New England College, with a bachelor of science in business management. She is currently employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield as a financial reporter in the pension management division.

The bridegroom attended Agawam High School and graduated from Wilbraham-Monson Academy in 1986. He presently works at their family-owned business, Bertelli's Liquor Mart in West Springfield.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Agawam.

## Agawam AFS Still Seeking Host Family For Foreign Student

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking a host family for a teenage girl from Brazil for the 1996-1997 school year to be a member of the senior class at Agawam High School. The 17 year-old has taken seven years of English and French, and is a good student who enjoys athletics. Her native language is Portuguese.

Agawam AFS offers plenty of support to all of its host families and has a 15-member community board and a faculty advisor at the High School to assist the foreign students and host families throughout the year.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring five students at Agawam High School. The students arrive in early August and return to their home countries the first week of July the following year (after spending what is hoped to be the most memorable year of their lives with an American host family).

AFS USA sponsors over 4,000 students and visiting teachers each year.

Host families come from all walks of life and from all income levels. AFS International assumes health and liability insurance. The Agawam Chapter of AFS helps the students it sponsors with many school related expenses.

Hosting an AFS student can be one of the most wonderful and exhilarating experiences for a local family and this is based on the many past successes of hosting families in our community.

If you are interested in hosting for the 1996/97 school year, please contact Allen Machia, Agawam AFS Family Placement chairman (786-0114, evenings), or Ric Sardella, chapter president (786-7747, days; 789-2005, evenings).

## Annual Harvest Fair At Heritage Hall Set

Heritage Hall Center's second annual Harvest Day Festival is inviting local crafters to sell their creations Saturday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This one-day event will be held at Heritage Hall's campus in Agawam. The cost for a 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$20. Vendors are responsible for designing and supplying their own display booth.

Other events planned for the day include continuous entertainment, a health fair, food, pony rides, a children's carnival, and much, much more!

Interested crafters may reserve a space by contacting Sue Gosselin at 786-8000, ext. 229 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline for reservations is August 26th.

## Quail Run Estates Has Grand Opening On Sunday, July 28th

Quail Run Estates Retirement Residence will host a grand opening celebration from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 28th, at 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam. Miss Massachusetts, Lori Flick, will help host the event.

In conjunction with the grand opening event, Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson recently proclaimed July 28th as "Senior Citizens Day."

The official celebration will take place during the Quail Run Estates celebration. Free family portraits, entertainment, tours of the residence, and refreshments will be offered. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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For more information about Quail Run Estates' grand opening celebration and special guests, contact Dave or Ange Fletcher at (413) 786-9688.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, July 29th:** Chicken pot pie (chicken, potatoes, carrots, peas, celery), tossed salad, wheat bread.

**Tuesday, July 30th:** Hot dog on a roll, baked beans, macaroni salad, cupcake.

**Wednesday, July 31st:** Escarole soup, pizza, tossed salad, apricots.

**Thursday, August 1st:** Pork cutlet w/gravy, green beans, rye bread, lemon pudding.

**Friday, August 2nd:** Grape juice, macaroni salad, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, mixed fruit.

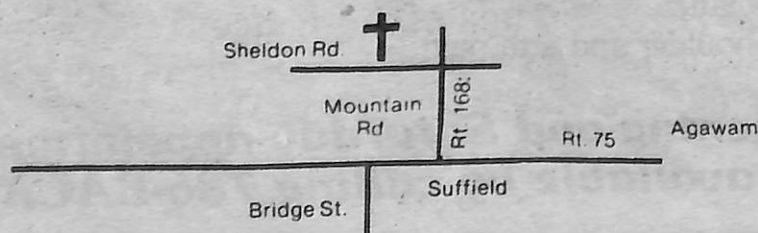
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## Linda Groom Weds Christopher Shea

Holy Name of Jesus Church in Chicopee was the setting for the June 8th wedding of Linda Groom and Christopher Shea.

The bride is the daughter of George and Gina Groom of Agawam. Parents of the bridegroom are Robert and Dolores Shea of Agawam.

Kristine Dustin attended the bride as matron of honor. James Shea served his brother as best man.

The bridesmaids were Pamela Provencher, Linda Groom, Ellen Stratton, Karen Govoni, and Denette Leader. The junior bridesmaid was Ciara Groom, and the flower girl was Heather Smethurst.

The ushers were George Groom, Michael Santore, Darrin Hill, and David Dustin. Brandon Groom and Glenn and Ryan Provencher, the nephews of the bride and groom, were also part of the wedding ceremony.

The couple is employed at United Technologies in Windsor Locks, CT, where the bride is a computer imaging operator and her husband is a senior programming analyst.

## Fitness First Seniors To Hold Yard Sale On Sunday, July 28th

Fitness First's senior group, called "Young At Heart," will be having their first annual Yard Sale on Sunday, July 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Yard Sale will be held in the parking lot at Fitness First (60 North Westfield Street), with all proceeds going to the Westfield Battered Woman's Shelter in memory of Vicki Sleeper.

Vicki Sleeper was an employee at Fitness First who was a victim of fatal domestic violence three years ago. Vicki initiated the "Young At Heart" group at Fitness First in 1990.

The senior group feels that it is important to continue to keep her spirit alive with donations to area shelters in hopes that they may contribute to saving another woman's life.

Please show your support and see what great bargains you can find among the "Young At Heart" Yard Sale!

## McLaughlin Family Visiting Atlanta For 1996 Olympic Games

The family of Mark McLaughlin of Agawam will be journeying to Atlanta, Georgia to view the Olympic events. This will be the third Olympics for Mark and his wife, Lisa, and the first for their children, Marisa (14), Stephen (12), and Eric (11). The family planned this vacation in 1995 when the tickets went on sale.

Everyone in the family is excited, and have been asked how they obtained tickets. The first day the local radio station announced that Olympic ticket forms were at Home Depot in West Springfield, Lisa went over and picked up the forms.

Then she called her brother who lives in Atlanta and asked if she could reserve rooms at his house for her family. It took Mark over 40 hours of reading the booklet to decide which events to attend and give first, second, and third choices so as to be sure of obtaining some tickets.

Every member of the family requested tickets for certain Olympic events that they were interested in. Tickets were obtained for volleyball, field hockey, basketball, handball, tennis, track and field, and baseball. Tickets that were sold out were gymnastics, swimming, and diving. It really didn't matter to the family, just watching the best athletes from around the world competing at the Olympics will be the thrill of a lifetime and something the children will remember for the rest of their lives.

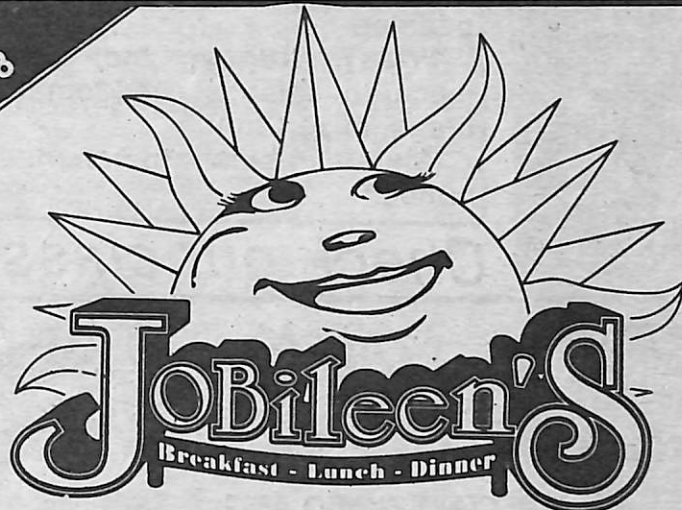
## Preschool Program At Agawam Library On July 31st

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, July 31st, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. JUST FOR PRESCHOOLERS TOO is our second summertime program for Summer Reading Program members aged 2½ to four with a parent or grandparent.

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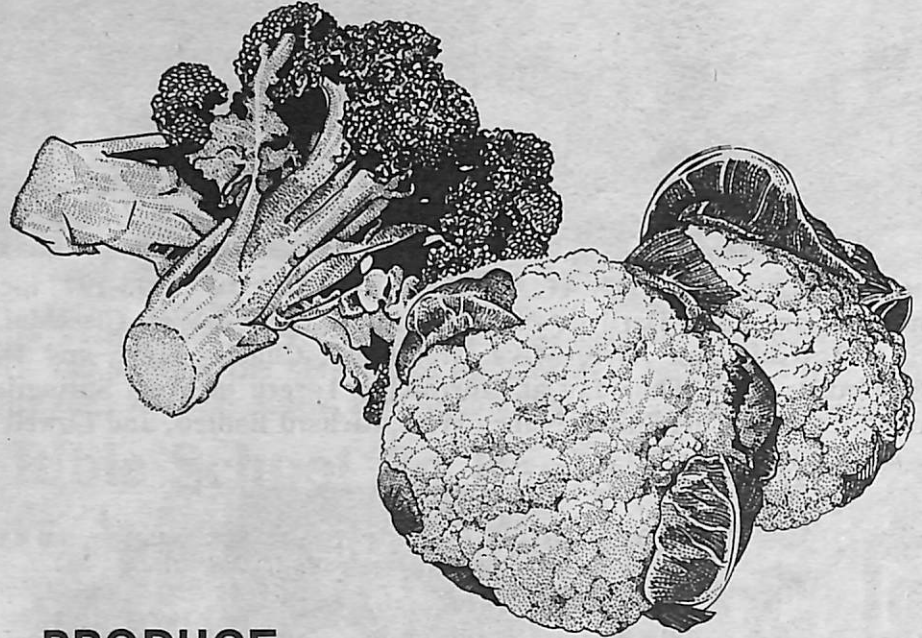
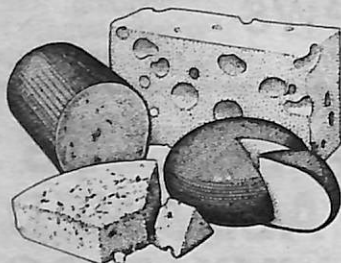
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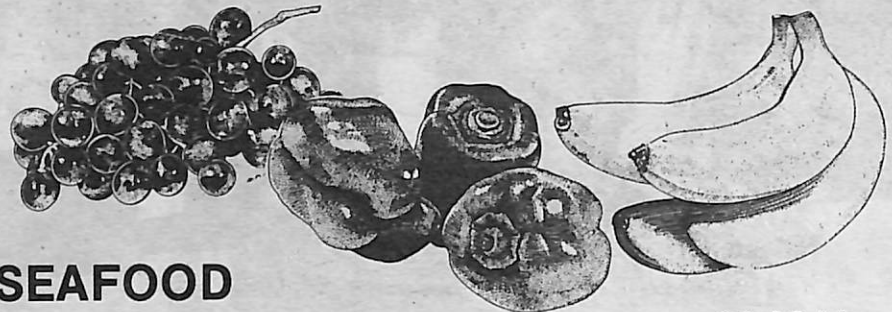


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## Agawam Rotary Names New Officers



NEW OFFICERS OF THE AGAWMAM ROTARY for 1996-1997 include (TOP PHOTO, from left) Sam Pizzi, Darilynn Nardi, Kathy Ayre, and Walt Ciaschini. PHOTO BELOW - Chris Sadowski, Tim Ayre, Mike Grandfield, Charles Heyl, and Dick Kiddy. Agawam Rotary meets every Thursday at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. Officers missing from photo were Curt Fuller, Nancy West, Richard Bellico, and Lowell McLane. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Charlie Alvanos "Advisor Of Year" For American Express

Charlie Alvanos, CFP, a Senior Financial Advisor with American Express Financial Advisors Inc., the nationwide financial planning and services company, has recently been named American Express Financial Advisors Western Division "Financial Advisor of the Year" for 1995. Alvanos was recently recognized at the May 1996 Division meeting.

In achieving the "Advisor of the Year" Award, Alvanos led the Division in all areas of Financial Planning and Business Productivity for the **third consecutive year**. Alvanos was also a national leader for American Express Financial Advisors (AEFA) in both formalized financial planning and financial planning advisory services.

In a recently completed AEFA National Client Satisfaction Survey, he was recognized by his clients for giving a superior level of client service and satisfaction with a 90 percent-plus client satisfaction rating.

Alvanos works at the Western Massachusetts Division Office located at Whitney Place, 14 Bobala Road, in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and resides at 25 Rugby Road in Feeding Hills, MA.

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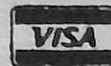


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## Church

### Tag Sale Supports Sacred Heart Athletic Asso.



**HELPING TO PROMOTE** the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's Tag Sale on July 20th included Chris Berube, Andrea Doulakis, Stephanie Berube, and Trevor Gregor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**YOUNGSTERS OF THE SACRED HEART** Athletic Association look over the bake sale table at the Benefit Tag Sale for the SHAA held on Saturday, July 20th - from left - Amy Luginbuhl, Gregory Gay, Zachary Matys, and Joseph Reutt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Vacation Bible School To Begin On July 29th At Bethany Assembly Of God In Agawam

Bethany Assembly of God is geared up for an unforgettable experience. This year's Vacation Bible School theme is exciting!

The church will transform into a jungle safari where kids ages four through 12 can share in learning about the Lord's Prayer. The *Kingdom of the Son* theme will help create an atmosphere of fun and excitement while featuring life-related Bible

study, lively songs, skits, games, crafts, and snacks.

The Vacation Bible School begins on Monday, July 29th, and continues through Friday, August 2nd. The five classes will be held at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For more information, call 789-2930.



**HELPING OUT** at the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's Tag Sale on July 20th included Norm Gilbert and Steven Berube (back) and Maria Doulakis and Caitlin Grimaldi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### This Week's Events At First Baptist Church

Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "Watching Over Us" at the 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday, July 28th.

His scriptural text will be taken from Matthew 23:37. We will be led in responsive readings by Nancy Velozo. Special music will be provided by Scott Thomson.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship services in Davis Hall at 10:30 a.m. Also, vacation bible school will continue from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Worthington Hall. There will be games, crafts, and stories about Jesus.

If you are a visitor in town, please join us for our morning worship service. You will always find a warm welcome in our air-conditioned sanctuary.

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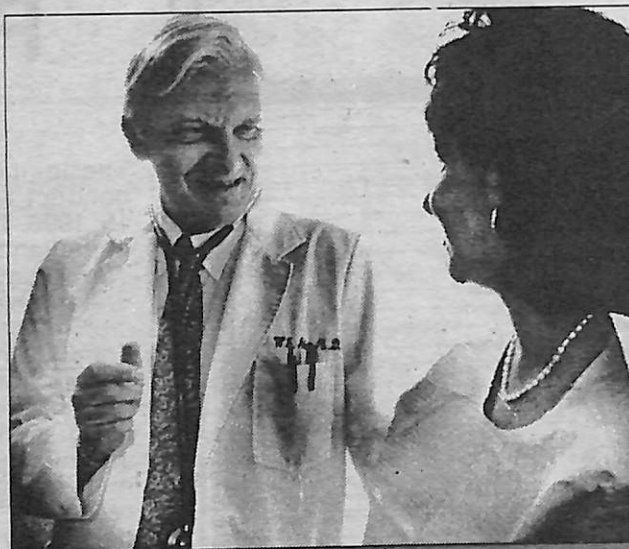
**Sunday, July 28th:** Our youth leave for a mission trip to Jay, New York.

**Tuesday, July 30th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

**Wednesday, July 31st:** 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time; 7:00 p.m., Miniature Golf (all ages welcome).

**Thursday, August 1st:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Midweek Worship (Sanctuary).

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## Reflections...

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What Is The Kingdom  
Of Heaven Like?

Have you been in a situation where you had to explain something very complicated to a person who was almost completely unfamiliar with your topic? Those of us who are parents know what that is like.

Our children can ask questions which require complicated answers. And yet, the good parent will take the time to try to communicate effectively with his or her child. We do that because we love and respect our children.

Sometimes, Jesus was faced with a similar situation. Crowds of people thronged to Him. They wanted to know what God is like, and what heaven is like. Jesus knew the answers to such questions could easily become too complicated for them to understand.

Beginning with things they knew, Jesus taught important truths with parables. A parable is a short and simple story from which a profound lesson might be drawn.

For example, Jesus once compared the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed and to yeast. Both are very small things in and of themselves. Both appear to be very common, ordinary things. Neither of them would appear to be terribly important to most people. Neither one will

do anything by itself.

However, both have great potential. Even though a mustard seed is hardly noticeable in your hand, it will grow into a sizable plant if conditions are favorable. Anybody who has ever baked without including yeast in the recipe knows what a disaster that is. In His parables, we see Jesus mentioning two seemingly inconsequential things which turn out to be terribly important.

As interesting as Jesus' parables might be, His purpose was always to touch a person's heart with God's grace. What ordinary, common events in our lives have the potential to be mustard seeds or yeast? Are there moments when we have a sense of God's presence or blessing? If so, are we allowing those mustard seeds or that yeast to realize its potential in our lives by providing them favorable conditions?

Virtually everybody has had at least a few times when they have been unusually blessed. Things either went better than they should have, or did not go as badly as feared. Sadly, some people attribute such good fortune to luck or happenstance, while others detect the grace and blessing of God.

Jesus also described the kingdom of heaven in other ways. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all that he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Two people discover treasure. One stumbled across it, while the other had been searching for it. The proper response was the same, which was to get the treasure.

What about the mustard seeds or yeast or hidden treasures in our lives? As God's grace touches us, are we responding by providing favorable conditions for faith to flourish? As God blesses us, are we wise enough to make the effort to get the treasure?

Calendar Of Activities  
At St. David's Church

**JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST** in worship services July 20th-21st.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service Saturday at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the Church Building at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

A praise and renewal service is held Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School, used temporarily while we build new facilities at 697 Main Street, next to the Police Station.

The later service features a Summer Sunday School program for those in grades K-4, and nursery care for smaller children (Kindergarten and under). This service is also interpreted for the deaf.

This week's services will feature a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Len Cowan. St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship service.

**A SUMMER STUDY FOR WOMEN**, led by St. David's parishioner Lynn Gioranino, meets on Tuesdays at the Church Building from 9:00-11:00 a.m., studying the book, "Taming the Tongue." Contact the parish office (786-6133) for information. Child care is available.

**A BIBLE STUDY FOR SENIORS** also meets on Tuesdays at the Church Building from 1:30-3:00 p.m. The parish office can provide further details.

**RELAX, FELLOWSHIP, AND LEARN TOGETHER** with others at the "Pool and Praise" gatherings on Tuesdays in July at the Fernald's home in Longmeadow. Pool and food from 6:00-7:00 p.m.; singing from 7:00-7:15 p.m.; study and prayer from 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by calling 786-6133.

**A CLASS IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** for the deaf is being taught Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Albright's home in Agawam. Call the parish office for information.

**THE MEN OF ST. DAVID'S MEET SATURDAYS** at the Church Building from 7:00-8:15 a.m. to enjoy one another's company, to study the Bible, and to pray for one another. Further information or registration may be obtained by calling the Parish Office at 786-6133.

Ag. Methodist Supper Committee  
Taking Month Of August Off

The Agawam Methodist Church Supper Committee will rest until October. August will be vacation time.

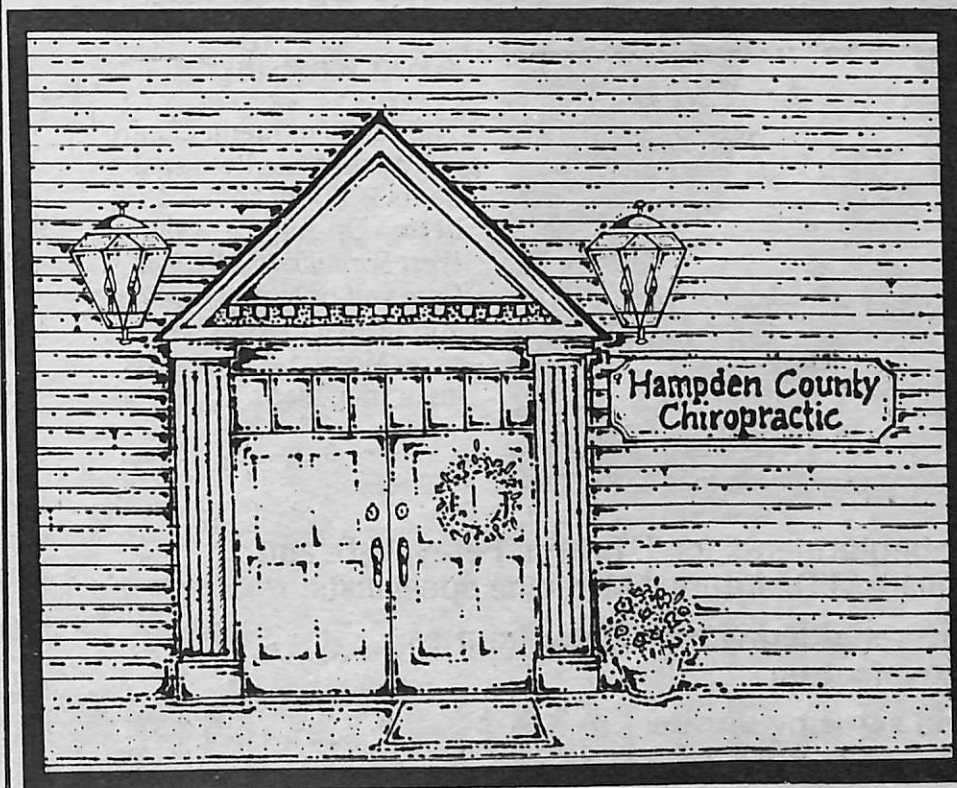
In September, they are all busy at the Eastern States Exposition. They invite you all to patronize their booth opposite the Rhode Island Building on the Avenue of the States.

The suppers have been successful this year and they thank all the patrons who attended. The profits went to purchase a new dishwasher for the kitchen.

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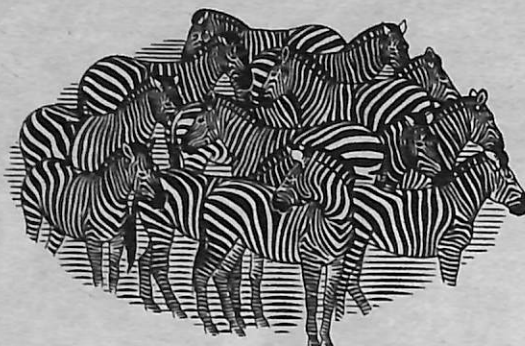
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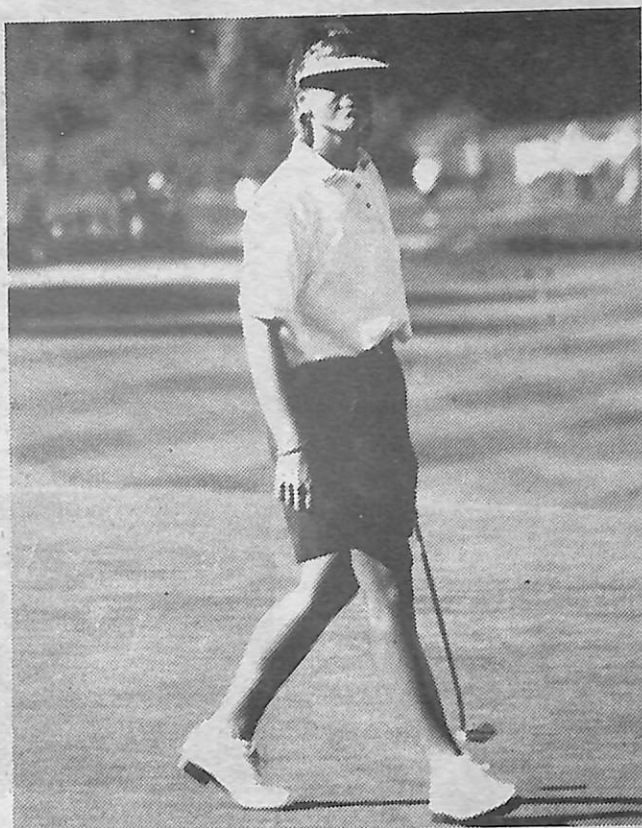


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# Highlights From This Year's LP

(All LPGA photos by)



**ANNIKA SORENSTAM** of Sweden — two-time U.S. Ladies' Open champion — after making her putt on the 18th green.



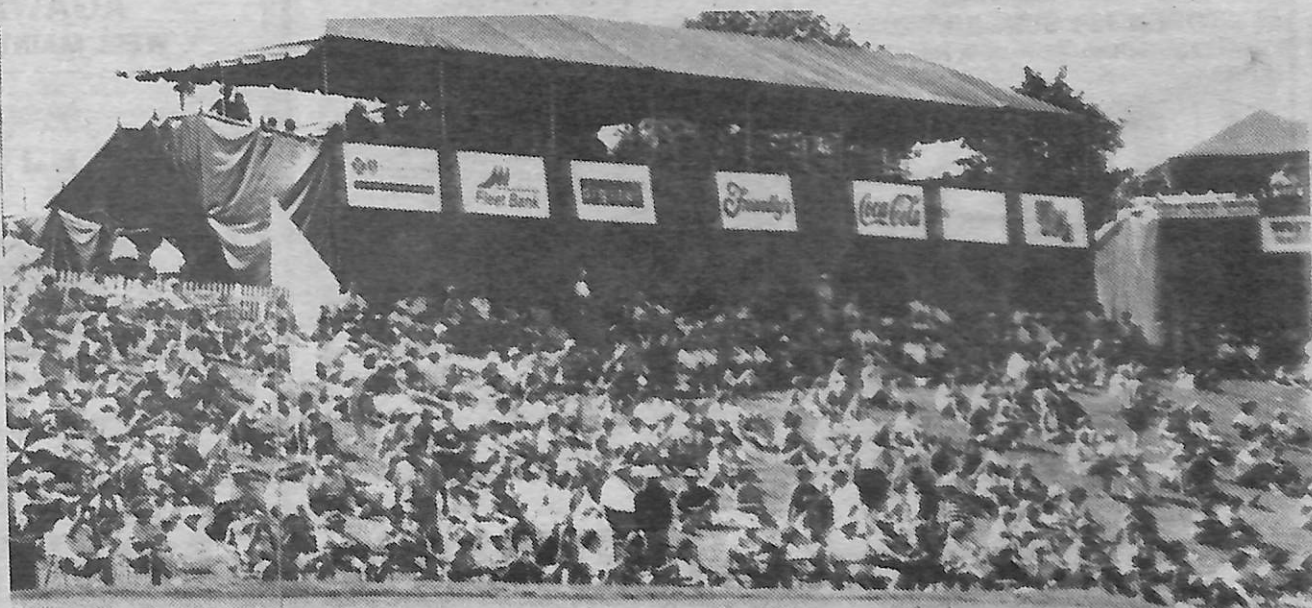
**MARDI LUNN** makes her way out of a bunker up to the eighth green.



**MICHELLE DOBEK** of Chicopee walking up the fairway to the seventh hole.



**MICHELLE DOBEK** of Chicopee looking pensive during the Second Annual Friendly's Classic.



**SOME OF THE GALLERY** on the 18th green during the Second Annual Friendly's Classic at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

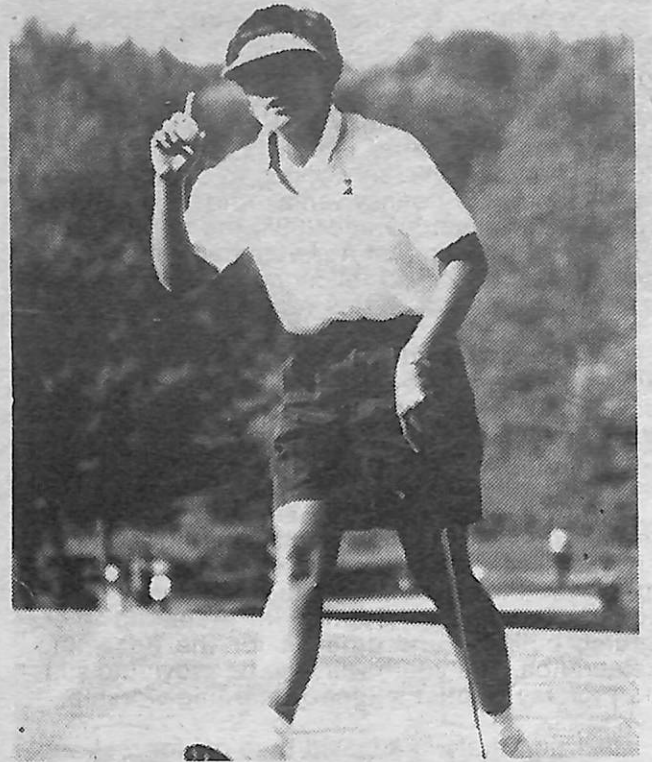


# PGA Tournament At Crestview

By Karen L. Barr)



CINDY RARICK in a bunker at the 18th green.



KIM SAIKI after her putt on the eighth hole.



BRANDIE BURTON putting on the 8th green.



DOTTIE PEPPER, this year's winner of the Friendly's Classic, applauds the volunteers and fans at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.



DOTTIE PEPPER smiles as she holds her championship cup.



**Church News - continued...****Youth Group From Baptist Church Leaving For Annual Mission**

In less than two weeks, a group of youth and their leaders from the Agawam Baptist Church will be continuing a long-standing tradition of excellence.

From building a church in inner-city Rochester, New York in 1989 through doing maintenance work at a retreat center and a "Home for Older Americans" in 1990 and 1991, to building houses for Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo, New York, Lynn, Massachusetts, and in West Virginia in 1992, 1993, and 1994 to working in soup kitchens in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Providence, Rhode Island in 1993 and 1995, the youth of the First Baptist Church of Agawam have believed in serving their God and fellow person. Though the names have changed, this year is no exception.

On Sunday afternoon, July 28th, a group of seven youth and five adults will head northwest to Jay, New York for their annual mission trip. Under the guidance of Rev. Rick Barnes, pastor, and Tim Deik, Christian Education Director, the group will be serving the Jay Baptist Church for the week.

The Jay Baptist Church, a small rural church in the Adirondacks, will be celebrating its 200th anniversary later this year. As a mostly older congregation, they have sought the assistance of the youth of Agawam Baptist in preparing their church building and grounds for the upcoming celebration. The youth will also be providing support for Jay Baptist's Sunday morning worship.

Realizing that we all need time off for rest and rejuvenation, the group will be taking time off to tour the former Olympic sites in nearby Lake Placid and perhaps a trip to Great Adventure theme park in Lake George.

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, an American Baptist church located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, is proud of its young missionaries.

**Tag Sale Slated At Valley Comm. Church**

Valley Community Church will be holding a tag sale (rain or shine) on Saturday, August 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

We have been very fortunate to receive many unique items for this sale, so you should be able to find that "certain item" to go in that "certain spot" in your home.

Plan to come early for the best selection of tools, toys, collectables, and great bargains.

Tables are still available to dealers or private individuals at \$15 per table. Tables for members are \$10 each.

If you would like to reserve a table or have any questions about the tag sale, please call Dale Pearsons at 562-0100 for more information.

**Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, August 2nd**

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, July 28th, is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, and the Summer Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Who Can Separate You?", taken from Text Romans 8:26-39. The Children's Message will be "The Tie That Binds!"

The Summer Youth Church, "Kids For Character," continues following the "Children's Message." This program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics.

The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective. This program will run through Sunday, August 25th. All children are welcome!

The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

An important component of this year's program will be providing two meals to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. Over 50 children have already signed on to be part of this fun-filled camp. One of the crafts the children will be doing is tie-dyeing t-shirts.

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

Sign up today to join this exciting camp experience.

**Fellowship Cookout At Valley Community On Friday, August 2nd**

As part of the continuing fellowship among church parishioners, Valley Community Church will be holding a Campfire Cookout on Friday, August 2nd, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

After the cookout, the church family will gather around the campfire for an evening of great old-fashioned sing-a-longs.

This evening of fellowship is just one in a series of monthly gatherings, a time for all who are active in the church to get together just to enjoy each other's company in friendship.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church which warmly welcomes anyone who is serious in seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m.

Valley Community Church is located high on the hilltop at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

*Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice.*

**Events & Activities At Sacred Heart**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** August 1st, Morning of Fun, Parish Center, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (RSVP by July 31st); August 4th, Youth Meeting, Parish Center, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; August 8th, Swim & Cookout, 4 Memory Lane, 4:00 p.m.; and August 8th, Bingo, St. Joseph, Suffield, 6:30 p.m., \$1 to \$10 (RSVP by 12:00 noon on August 7th).

**TAG AND CRAFT SALE:** Thinking of having a Tag Sale? Or maybe you do Crafts and would like to sell them?

Why not join us at our Annual Tag and Craft Sale on Saturday, September 7th, in the church parking lot? Spaces are \$15, and we do all the publicity. There will also be a Snack Bar and a Bake Sale.

**INTERESTED?** Call Theresa at 786-4966 or Nancy at 786-3384 to reserve a spot or for more information. All proceeds raised go to our parish.

**BAPTISM:** Please welcome into our parish family those who were recently baptized: Charles Dwyer Joyal, Jr., Alissa Marie Porfilio, Anthony Adelino DiLizia, Jessica Ann Blais, and Quinn James Kuenzi. Congratulations to their parents and families.

**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Jesus said, "Let everyone heed what he hears!" How often do we take time to really listen?

Mark your calendar and take a weekend to really listen to your partner. Discover, reflect, and discuss the plan God intended for your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be September 6th-8th at Sacred Heart House, Easthampton.

For more information, call Steve and Char Houghton at 774-5942, or Paul and Sue Plourd at 527-7717.

**MORNING OF FUN:** On Thursday, August 1st, the Youth Group will be available at the Parish Center from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to "ENTERTAIN" the younger children of our parish.

If you are running out of ideas on what to do keep the kids amused, why not take advantage of this opportunity? The Youth Group always has something different planned, and they are happy to once again provide this service.

Reservations are required by July 30th and can be made by calling Alma, 786-9835, or Beth, 786-0158. Children must be at least three years-old, and there's a \$1 fee per family to provide snacks for the participants.

This "Morning Of Fun" will be held RAIN OR SHINE! Hopefully, you will take advantage of this service and remember, "you deserve a break today!"

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by  
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### What Is The Best Way To Sell Your Home?

Once you have made the decision to sell, you will be faced with another tough decision - is it best to hire a professional real estate sales associate or try to sell the house yourself?

To market and sell a house requires specialized skills, is time consuming, and costs money. Are you prepared to buy advertising space? Advertising is one way to let the buying public know your house is on the market. If not, can you afford the time it will take to sell your house with only a sign in the front yard? Are you willing to stay close to home for days, weeks, maybe months to show your house? Do you possess the necessary legal and financial knowledge to answer buyers' questions, negotiate the terms of the sale, or close a sale?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, perhaps hiring a professional real estate company to help would be the most efficient and cost effective way to sell your house. They can be indispensable to you in the following ways:

- \* Access the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), which exposes your property to all cooperating member brokers
- \* Assist you with pricing the house properly, based on a Comparative Market Evaluation (CME)
- \* Develop a detailed marketing plan with your assistance
- \* Provide you with suggestions for making your property more attractive to potential buyers
- \* Screen potential buyers for financial qualifications
- \* Answer potential buyers' questions
- \* Show your home whether or not you are there
- \* Present all offers
- \* Assist you with negotiating the best price for

### V & F Auto Helping Jerry Lewis Telethon With Carquest Promo

The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon will benefit from a joint promotion at V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts, located at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Owners Vinnie & Frank Palange are promoting a fun and easy program to help "Jerry's Kids" by showing their customers that V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts care about the community.

Vinnie & Frank are asking all of their customers to contribute \$1 by buying a circular Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) sticker that will carry that individual customer's name. Each circular sticker is then proudly placed on the front window of Vinnie & Frank's storefront.

All money raised will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's programs and research and will be donated to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Weekend Telethon.

At the end of the promotion in late August, Vinnie and Frank will place all of the stickers into a box and randomly select the names of lucky customers who will receive prizes. The drawing will be held after Labor Day Weekend.

So stop by and say hello to Vinnie, Frank, and their staff. You can help the fight for "Jerry's Kids" by just donating a buck. V & F Auto Service and Carquest Auto Parts are open Monday - Friday.

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Before deciding on a specific company, there are a few things you can do to narrow the choice. Ask friends and neighbors who have recently sold homes for recommendations. Attend Open Houses and ask the sales associate questions about the house. This will give you a feel for the professionalism of the company and their sales associates.

Finally, interview a representative from more than one company and ask them to discuss the following points:

- \* Do you belong to Multiple Listing Service?
- \* What are your qualifications, experience, and education?
- \* Do you belong to any out-of-town referral organizations?
- \* Names of references whose homes you have recently sold.
- \* How did you arrive at your price evaluation of my home?
- \* How much can I expect to walk away with?
- \* What could I do to make my property more marketable?
- \* Explain the terms of the listing agreement.
- \* How would you market and advertise my house?
- \* How often would you be in touch with me?
- \* What if you don't perform?

After choosing a real estate company, begin by supplying all the information you can about your house. The sales associate will be asked questions by potential buyers about taxes, utility bills, age of appliances, and a variety of other subjects.

Don't hide anything, especially defects in the condition of your property. Failure to do so could leave you legally liable.

Now if you have decided to sell your home with the assistance of a professional real estate company, what can you expect from your sales associate?

- \* Accurate information to help set the right price.
  - \* Comments of repairs and cosmetic improvements that could help sell your property more quickly.
  - \* A complete marketing plan, including placement of a yard sign, entry in the MLS, and advertising.
  - \* The showing of your house to potential buyers.
  - \* Regular communications on the progress of the sale.
  - \* A professional manner and attitude.
  - \* A commitment to service in writing.
- (John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA [413-789-1117].)

### Westfield Savings Again Shows Healthy Growth In 2nd Quarter

With a gain of \$11,073,763 in assets during the second quarter of 1996, Westfield Savings Bank has passed the \$490 million level, topping off at \$490,332,888 as of June 30th. This compares with a figure of \$454,257,686 one year ago; a gain of \$36 million for the 12-month period.

Deposit growth has accounted for much of the increase with the second quarter increase of \$9,985,382, bringing the Bank's total deposits of \$432,583,281, an overall increase of more than \$30 million over June 1995's high of \$402,226,950.

Income for the second quarter amounted to \$1,197,273 with the year-to-date amounting to \$2,196,357. Year-to-date income for the first six months of 1995 amounted to \$1,824,405.

A combination of traditional mortgages, home equity loans, first-time buyers, and other real estate loans raised the Bank's mortgage portfolio to \$294,125,354 - an increase of \$17,216,493 for the quarter and some \$25 million over June 1995's \$268,231,013.

Growth of \$781,896 in consumer loans issued during the quarter contributed to a total increase of \$3,687,224 for the past 12 months, with 1996 totalling \$30,218,507 compared to June 1995 at \$26,531,283.



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### Shirley A. Kibbe Is "Agent Of Month" At LLW Company

Landry, Lyons, and Whyte Co./Better Homes and Gardens has recently named Shirley A. Kibbe "Agent of the Month" of the Feeding Hills office.

This honor is awarded to the real estate agent in each office with the highest number of listings and sales for the month.

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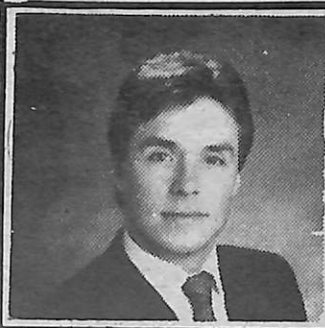
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### Tips To Help You Avoid Back Pain While Golfing

During the recent LPGA tournament, we saw several professional golfers for back- and neck-related complaints. In addition, a substantial number of local golfers have visited our facility for lower back pain and associated symptoms.

Here is some basic information with suggestions that may help you avoid the back pain that both the pros and the hackers experience.

Driving a golf ball off the tee, down a long fairway, requires a lot of physical effort. So does a long iron shot. The problem is that you continually swing the club the same way, time after time after time. You are either right- or left-handed.

So when you repeatedly swing that club one way, perhaps thousands of times each season, you are also twisting your spine and all the muscles in the same direction over and over again. This creates an imbalance in muscles and a continual twisting of the spine.

Don't think that vertebrae in your spine aren't going to suffer, too. They can become misaligned (subluxated) and affect the function of delicate nerves. I have enough golfers as patients to know that this is fact.

So what can you do about it? Start adding some other forms of exercise that will be beneficial to your spine like swimming or bicycle riding. And if you really love the game of golf, a spinal examination by a doctor of chiropractic is in order.

Perhaps a problem is developing and it can be corrected. This may save you the crisis of an emergency visit for treatment at some future time.

Golfers may seek relief for their back pain at the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 789-1369.

### Mobile Hearing Ctr. To Visit Agawam Senior Ctr. In August

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks on Monday, August 12th, at the Agawam Senior Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and other assistive-listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

### Mercy Hospital To Host Breast Cancer Support Group

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet on August 5th and 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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### Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Potato Concentration

Can potatoes make you concentrate better? Will cutting out caffeine make you less anxious? Is pasta a prescription for sleeping? The answer to all these questions could be yes. The chemicals in your brain can determine if you'll have good days or bad days.

These chemicals are influenced by the food you eat. Certain foods and exercises may balance the chemicals serotonin and dopamine in your brain.

According to Dr. Joel Robertson, author of the new book *Peak Performance Living*, serotonin makes you feel relaxed and boosts your self-esteem. Dopamine keep you alert and helps coordinate muscle movement. Too little dopamine can result in low energy, yet too much dopamine can make you overly anxious and aggressive.

Robertson said, "Our brain chemistry affects us tremendously. When you get out of balance, certain people respond different ways." His book explains how you can personally change your diet to change your mood.

Jodi Allen is a wife, mother of two, and a kindergarten teacher with 23 students. She took Robertson's performance Enhancement Survey. This survey is used at corporations like Dow-Corning to help employees work more effectively. The survey asks 180 questions about your diet, exercise, mood, and behavior to determine brain chemistry. Jodi tested low for levels of serotonin.

Jodi says, "The survey told me I needed to change my diet, eat more carbohydrates. I did start walking with the kids after dinner, too. It's helped."

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However, some experts are skeptical. Dr. John Fernstrom from the University of Pittsburgh says, "I'm not saying these effects don't occur. I'm saying that there is simply no evidence that what he (Robertson) says will happen, will happen."

Research at MIT demonstrates that carbohydrates make you calm, proteins make you alert, and fats make you drowsy. Applying this research to the typical diet that mixes these foods together is difficult. In addition, Fernstrom is unconvinced a survey can measure brain chemistry.

"It would be quite difficult with those 180 questions to pick out that a person had a certain deficiency in a brain chemical," says Fernstrom.

Jodi claims she feels good and sleeps better at night. For some, the science behind how food affects mood doesn't seem to matter.

Nancy Dell is a registered dietitian in private practice and the media representative for the Western Area Mass. Dietetic Association. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

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**What would you suggest to someone with a similar problem?**

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**Additional comments:**

Dr. Nelson's staff and her massage therapist have done wonders for me. Don't delay. They are the best!

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Dr. Nelson is available to answer your questions Monday and Wednesdays between 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

### Self-Esteem Seminar By Dr. Steve Sobel On August 6th

Dr. Steve Sobel, well-known motivational speaker, humorist, and educator, will be offering two seminars at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke the evening of August 6th.

The first seminar is titled "INSURING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS" and will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The second seminar is titled, "The Wonderful Power and Benefits of LAUGHTER and HUMOR" and will run from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Sobel is also the director of The New England Institute For Stress Management. Pre-registration is recommended. Cost is \$10 per person, per program, and \$18 per person if attending both sessions.

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## Arts

### Audience Participation Play To Open At Red Door Theatre

Strange sounds are coming from the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, MA this week; shrieks and howls, screams and growls. Eerie sights have been seen from werewolves to manbats to other things that go bump in the night. It's all part of Stage's latest children's production, "The Secret of Forever."

The play is an original story by local playwright Lyle Pearsons with the unique twist of being a "choose your own adventure." Like the popular children's book series which allows the reader to choose what happens in the story, Pearson's play gives the audience several opportunities during the course of the show to choose the direction of the storyline.

The 40-member cast, comprised of young people eight to 15 years of age who are attending the two-week drama camp, are being challenged to be ready to change places, costumes, and even lines at a moment's notice.

"It's intriguing," said Austin Allen of Suffield, who plays the part of Dr. Frankenstein's assistant, Eyesore. "I didn't understand how it could be done, but now that we've read it, I think it will be fun for the actors and the audience."

The play involves a group of young cybernauts who, while surfing the Internet, find themselves drawn through Cyberspace by H.G.W. Hacker, who is searching for the Secret of Forever. They travel web sites occupied by Frankenstein, Dracula, Wolfman, and others undead and undone, in a light-hearted quest which leaves the audience with two endings to choose from.

The dates for this unique, new, SPFX-filled production are July 26th and 27th at 7:30 and July 27th and 28th at 2:00. Judging from the sold-out performances of their last production, "Scraps of Oz," reservations are strongly recommended and the content deemed inappropriate for pre-school children.

Tickets are only \$4 and reservations may be made by calling the Red Door Ticket Service at 789-2026.

### Auditions Slated By St. Martha Players

St. Martha Players, Inc. will hold auditions for their fall production of "The Secret Garden" on Sunday, August 4th and Monday, August 5th.

Auditions for girls will be held August 4th at 3:00 p.m. Auditions for boys will be held August 4th at 5:00 p.m. Auditions for all adults will be held August 5th at 7:00 p.m.

All auditions will be held in Ronald Goulet Hall, St. Martha's Church, 214 Brainard Road, Enfield, CT. Please be prompt.

All auditioners should prepare and bring with them a number which demonstrates their ability to sing. An accompanist with the show score will be provided. Children auditioning are requested to bring a snapshot of themselves.

Casting includes four singing female roles (one of which is a child); four singing male roles (one of which is a child, one a teen); and a male/female chorus.

"The Secret Garden" tells the story of a spoiled, lonely Mary Lennox, who, orphaned by a cholera epidemic in India, is sent to live in England with her uncle Archibald. Archibald, still in mourning for his wife, Lily, who died 10 years earlier in childbirth, and grief-stricken for his bedridden 10 year-old son, suffuses the manor with gloom and mystery.

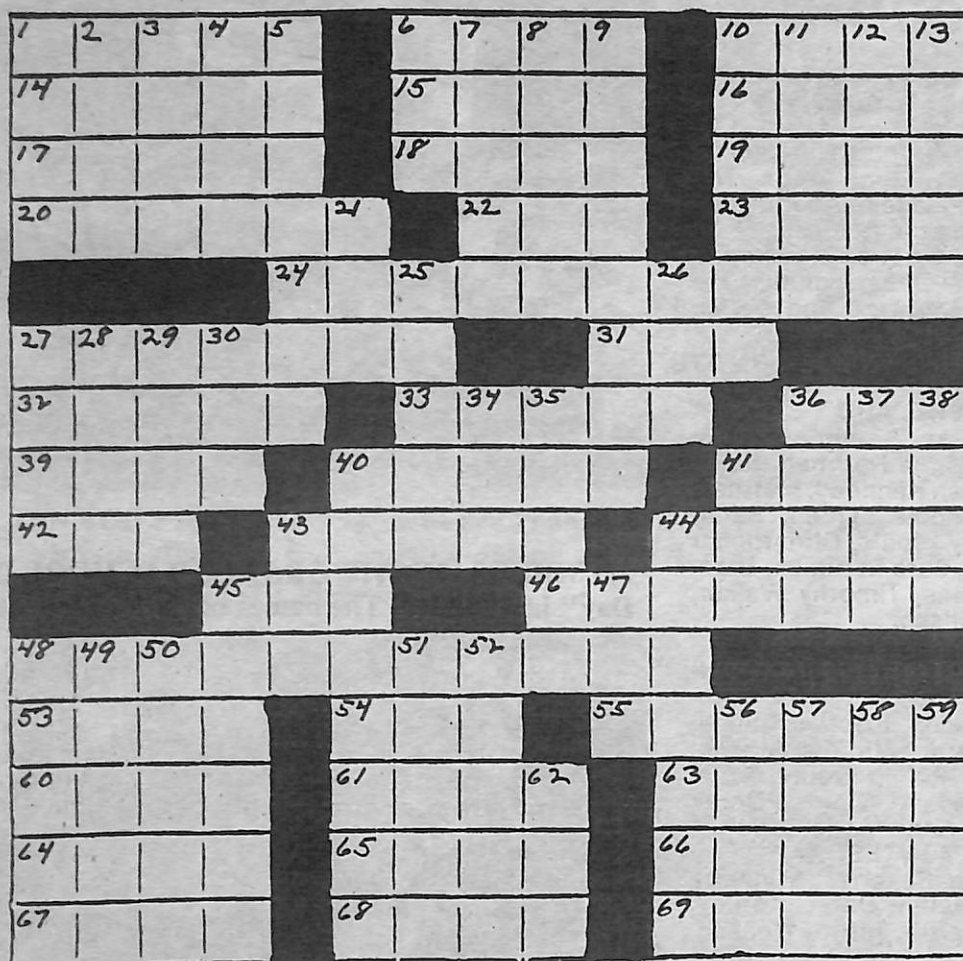
Mary discovers a secret garden, formerly Lily's, and in revitalizing it, she restores life to her sick cousin and her miserable uncle. Throughout the story appear the "Dreamers," people from Mary's life in India, who haunt her until she finds her new life in the course of the story.

The "Dreamers" are free to sing directly to the audience, appearing and disappearing at will. Music is by Lucy Simon and book and lyrics are by Marsha Norman.

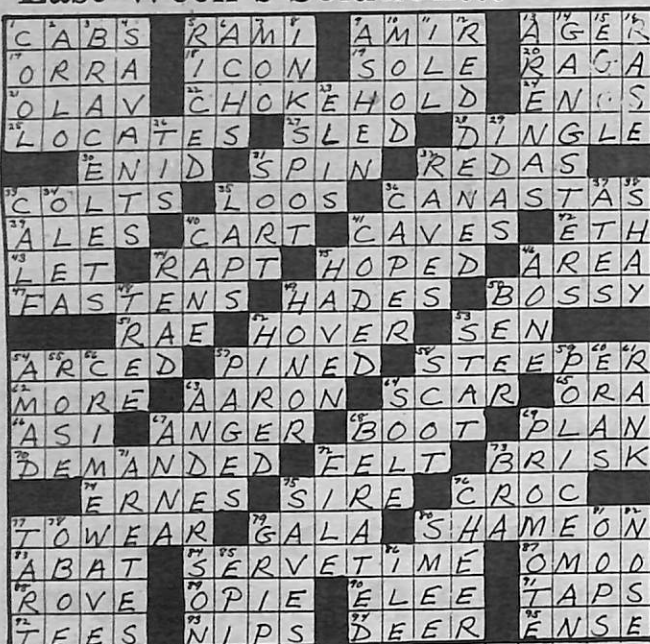
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### Cinderella's & Fella's At Agawam Library

Summer Reading Program members and their families are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, July 30th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for the "Perishable Theatre Troupe's" original musical play, CINDERELLA'S AND FELLA'S.

The performance features different variations of the classic Cinderella story. This program is partly funded by the Agawam Center Library Association.

Call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register for this program.

There's still time for local children to become Summer Reading Program members. Come to the library for details and join the more than 950 readers who are earning raffle coupons, trinkets, and shining stars!

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## Education

### “Moving Up” At Granger School Another Success

“Moving Up Day” was held for fourth graders of Granger School on Monday, June 24th. The ceremony started with the “Pledge of Allegiance” led by Mrs. Gendron’s second grade class.

Musical features, directed by Mrs. Starkie and presented by the fourth grade class, included *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Music and Kids*, and *Get on Board*.

Diplomas were presented to the following fourth graders:

#### ROOM 3 - MRS. SHEPARD

Brian Athas, Kelly Borkosky, Katherine Bousquet, Tami Burmeister, Christine Dettman, Kevin Foley, Jamie Jackson, Meagan Kennedy, Matthew Kupras, Amy Lownds, Nicholas Lyman, Sarah Meiers, Robert Menard, Amy Proulx, Christopher Roos, Talynn Ross-Gormley, Sara Skolnick, Brandon Tassone, Thomas Tedone, Timothy Walker, Michael Weinle, Douglas Zelisko.

#### ROOM 4 - MRS. LERTORA

Stefan Ayotte, Albert Berthiaume, Jason Briotta, Sara Cote, Courtney Donaldson, James Franco, Dustin Hart, Lauren Heiden, Kristen Kulaga, Jessica Lemieux, Jason Martin, Michael Mason, Jennifer Panek, Ryan Parker, Phillip Prouty, Adam Roy, Rebecca Siegler, Adam Smith, Derek Stevens, Jeffrey Trauschke, Anne Marie Zaffeti.

#### ROOM 10 - MR. MONTESI

Maria Doulakis, Justin Fekeris, Michelle Figella, Ryan Griffin, Erica Kelley, Daniel Korney, Kyle LaFontaine, Michael Merritt, Jeffrey Neilsen, Allison Peters, Christopher Royland, Kristie Russo, Jeffrey Sabola, Anthony Sarnelli, Megan Smith, Kristen Sopet, Jonathan Wollmershauser.

#### ROOM 11 - MR. CARPENTER

Dennis Aceto, Joseph Beaulieu, Lianne Castellanos, Gregory Cotto, Angelina D’Agostino, Michael Davis, Daniel Mancini, Daniel Mason, Joseph Menzone, James Messier, Daniel Mirolli, Kathleen Nelson, Christopher Nyman, Samuel Pohner, Erin Richardson, Amber St. Jean, Leigh Stepanian, Kerry Tompsett, Rachel Vermette.

### Two Locals Named To Dean’s List At Roger Williams U.

Christina Dutton of Agawam and Colleen Meagher of Feeding Hills were among students named to the Roger Williams University Dean’s List for the Spring 1996 Semester.

Students completing 12 or more credits per semester and earning a quality point average of 3.4 are placed on the Dean’s List.

Roger Williams University is an independent, coeducational university of liberal arts and selected professional programs accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Located on 125 acres on Mt. Hope Bay in Bristol, the University enrolls more than 4,200 students (2,100 full-time undergraduates and 1,700 part-time on the Bristol and Providence campuses and 450 in the Law School.) Nearly 30 states and 45 nations are represented in the total student body.

### Kevin Innarelli Grad Of Wesleyan College In Virginia Beach

Kevin Innarelli graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach, Virginia on May 11, 1996. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in German.

During his four years of study, Kevin attended the Internationale Ferien Kruse in Mayrhofen, Austria during the summer of his junior year. In his senior year, he attended the University of Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany.

He was a member of the German Honor Society, Delta Phi Alpha, a member of the International Awareness Council, a member of the Philosophy Club and President of the Virginia Wesleyan Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity.

Kevin, a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, is the son of Carla Dempsey of Feeding Hills and Louis Innarelli of Springfield. He is also the grandson of Grace Kinney of Feeding Hills.

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**MEMBERS OF THE GRANGER SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996** are pictured on “Moving-Up Day” last month. The names of all the students can be found in the adjacent article. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.



**SECOND GRADERS AT GRANGER SCHOOL** use sign language to recite the “Pledge of Allegiance” during “Moving-Up Day” ceremonies at the school last month. Advertiser News photo

by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Students Receive Degrees From Western New England

The following area students were among the 872 graduate and undergraduate students who were awarded degrees from Western New England College at the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18th at the Springfield Civic Center.

Christine M. Filkowski of Agawam, received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting; Christopher J. McElligott of Springfield, the son of Thomas and Polly McElligott of Feeding Hills, received a Bachelor of Science in Business; and Jennifer L. Nardi of Agawam, the daughter of Gary and Darlynn Nardi, received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree magna cum laude. Magna cum laude honors, signifying scholastic excellence, are awarded at graduation to students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.60 and 3.80.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth. The College serves full-time and part-time students with undergraduate programs in its Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering, and graduate programs in its Schools of Business, Engineering, and Law.

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### Brenda H. Borkosky Is Named To Dean’s List At Salem State

Brenda H. Borkosky of Feeding Hills was among those students who were named to the spring 1996 Dean’s List at Salem State College.

To make the Dean’s List at Salem State, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credits per semester and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

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Snow, snow, snow, and more snow—almost always on our meeting days!! It sure kept us wondering if we'd ever complete a badge. With a few extra meetings and much hard work by the girls in **Junior Troop 540** from Granger and the Middle Schools, we managed to finish seven!

"Frosty Fun" was done in one three-hour meeting during February vacation. This was probably the only meeting where it didn't snow ... it rained!

"Art In The Home" and "Outdoor Fun" were both completed during a weekend at Big House. The girls planned and cooked their own meals, hiked, and splashed in the water. We're proud to say they left Big House spotless.

Some of their weekly meetings were quite interesting. One meeting the girls were treated to a facial and a manicure. Another meeting they listened to **The Peer Leadership Group** from the Agawam High School who talked about the dangers of smoking. These helped the Scouts fill the requirements for the "Looking Your Best" badge.

They also worked hard to complete and earn the "Girls Are Great" and "Self-Esteem" badges. These were not the most exciting badges, but they learned about themselves and other women. Pam Murphy from the Fire Department came. She talked to the girls about her job and how she manages to balance family and career. The girls were wonderful listeners and asked intelligent questions. A BIG thank you to Pam for taking the time to share with the girls.

On April 13th and 14th, we went to the Springfield Science Museum for a fantastic sleep-over. It was here that we started the "Water Wonders" badge. We completed the rest of the requirements later, in some of our other Troop meetings.

This all adds up to **ONE GREAT YEAR** with 17 **GREAT GIRLS!!**

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The girls in **James Clark Brownie Troop 551** have been very busy this year.

We have earned three Try-Its: "Girl Scout Ways," "Colors and Shapes," and "Wear It."

The Scouts really enjoyed playing and learning new things together as a Troop. For a service project, they worked very hard saving soda tabs to benefit the Shriners Hospital.

To end another school year, we went out with a bang by having a big picnic and a day of fun in the sun!

**Daisy Troop 566** from Clark School wanted to share a recent meeting where they enjoyed some "fun in the sun!"

The event was opened in the traditional manner with the "Girl Scout Promise" and followed by taking of the attendance. At the conclusion of the official business, the Troop jumped right into making "Banana Boats" over an open fire. That tasty treat was a big hit!

The girls also enjoyed cheering for each other and timing themselves on an obstacle course that included climbing ladders, sliding down slides, jumping on trampolines, riding a tricycle, and ringing a bell at the finish.

After a short rest from all that exercise, the girls grabbed their boots and a buddy and off they went for a nature hike. They saw man-made beehives. (Everyone kept their distance!) The Troop tromped through the woods, through old cornfields, heard frogs croaking at the edge of a pond while keeping their eyes peeled for ducks to feed.

To cool off from the hike, each Daisy Scout had a chance to "bob" for apples. This, as you may imagine, brought peels of laughter from the girls.

The girls giggled and chatted in the shade of a fort while working on their "Sit upons" started at a previous meeting.

The day ended with a rousing chorus of "I've Got That Girl Scout Spirit" and, of course, the "Friendship Squeeze."

The parents had a difficult time getting the girls to leave. Everyone was having too much fun!

Many thanks to **Cindy Paro**, Daisy Troop 566 leader, for all the ideas and activities for a truly wonderful day, all in her big back yard!

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**Phelps Brownie Troop 550** payed Heritage Hall Nursing Home a visit in March to visit the residents and check out the Birthday Board. We had our meeting and snacks there. The girls sang song to the residents.

Also in March, we visited Meadow's East to learn some neat dances. This helped the girls earn credits for their "Dancersize" Try-It.

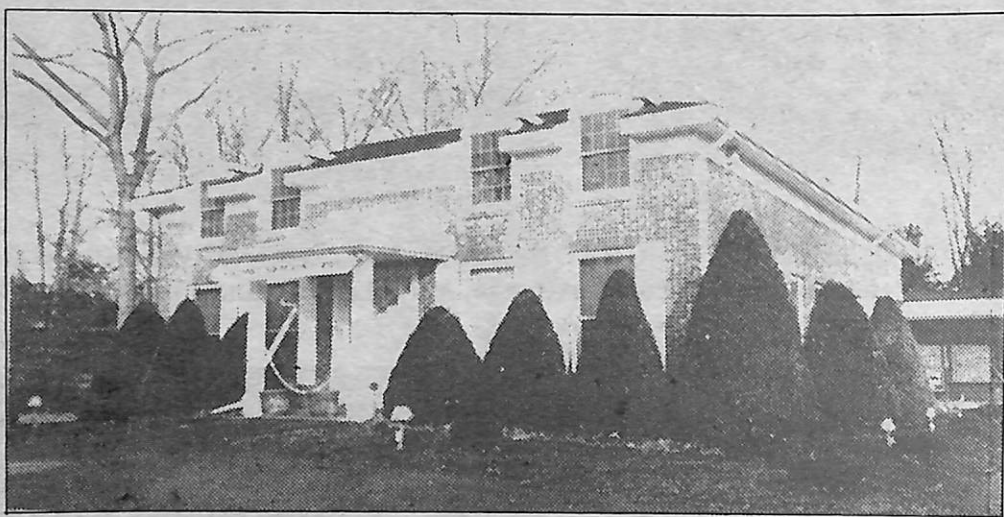
In June, we had our end-of-the-year picnic to celebrate a year of fun and good times.



**IN TOP PHOTO - Phelps Brownie Troop 550** views the Birthday Boards they created on their visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, the troop is pictured with residents and staff of Heritage Hall.



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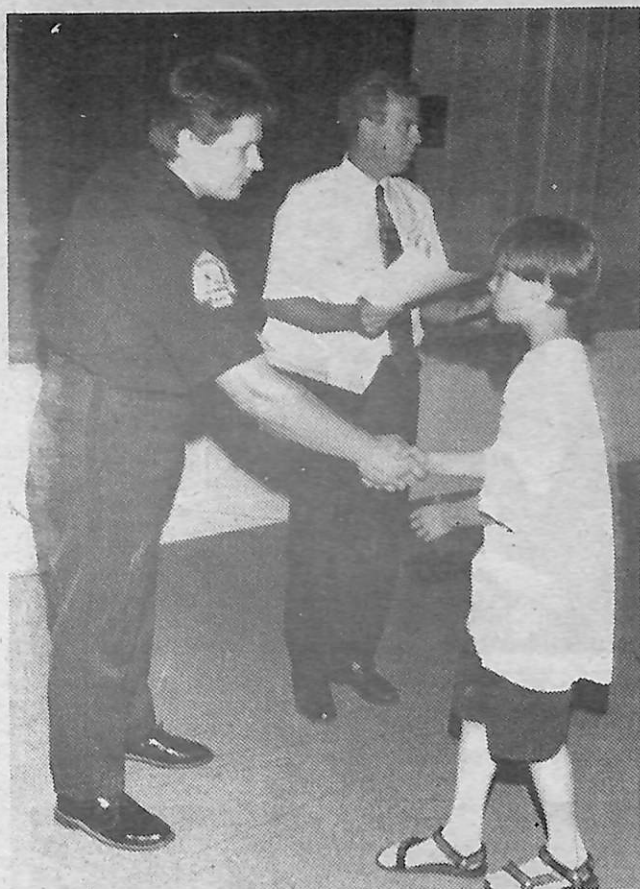
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## DARE Graduation At Agawam Middle School



THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL held its Fifth Grade DARE Graduation before school ended last month. IN PHOTO LEFT, DARE Officer Donald Gallerani and Assistant Principal Louis Conte present a certificate to Jeff Roberts. IN PHOTO RIGHT, a group of fifth graders hold their DARE t-shirts. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DARE GRADUATION, from left - DARE Officer Donald Gallerani; students Peter Kingsley, Nicole LaGrange, Matt Lawlor, and Linda Kelley; Police Chief Robert Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## DARE Golf Tourney Set For August 14th At Oak Ridge GC

Agawam D.A.R.E. Officer Donald Gallerani has announced that the Eighth Annual Agawam Police D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, August 14th, at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills, with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon.

The D.A.R.E. Program is an important and successful anti-drug and violence program conducted by the Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Public Schools. The program is geared toward school children at the elementary and middle school age. It intelligently teaches them to say "NO" to drugs and violence. The D.A.R.E. Program in Agawam is funded solely by private donations and this golf tournament.

The price per golfer is \$90, which includes cart, green fees, lunch and refreshments on the course, longest drive and closest to the pin contest, prizes, and prime rib dinner after golf. If you will not be able to golf, but would like to attend dinner, the cost is \$35.

The committee is also looking for businesses to sponsor holes. Sponsorship of a hole is \$100 and a sign noting you as a sponsor will be provided and placed in a prominent spot on the golf course.

"D.A.R.E. is a powerful tool in the war against drugs and violence here in Agawam," stated Officer Gallerani. "We hope you will help us keep this program going because it is important to our children's future."

Entry deadline is August 2nd. The course can accommodate a limited number of foursomes and it will fill up very quickly, so register today.

For more information, call Officer Gallerani at 786-4768.

## Polish American Club Awards Scholarships

The Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., recently awarded scholarships of \$500 each to the four 1996 graduates of Agawam High School:

**Kirsten Decoteau**, who'll be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute; **Melissa Laflamme**, who'll be attending Quinnipiac College; **Jennifer Seybold**, who'll be attending Mount Holyoke College; and **Rebecca Wing**, who'll be attending Quinnipiac College.

The scholarships are funded by proceeds from bingo. Thanks to the players who support the bingo activity; the bingo committee, headed by chairman Robert Binnenkade; and the bingo workers.

The scholarship committee is comprised of Edward Barako, Henry Wanievski, and Ken Kubik.



1996 POLISH CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - from left - Ronald Labun, president; Rebecca Wing, Melissa Laflamme, Jennifer Seybold, and Kirsten Decoteau, scholarship winners; and Eddie Barako, scholarship committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Clark School Mrs. Goodwin's Grade 2 Class Room 6

**SUBJECT: Field Day, Friday, May 24, 1996**

### Fun Filled Friday

The day started with a picnic, then Capture the Flag game. That was my favorite thing to do. Then we played kickball and ate watermelon. My mommy helped with water and then we had popsicles.

**Carly Clearwater**

### Field Day At James Clark School

Field Day was on May 24th. There were four teams: red, white, green, and blue. My favorite activity was the obstacle course. The blue team won. We had a picnic lunch that our lunch ladies made for us.

**Elizabeth Klimczak**

### Clark School Has A Fun Field Day

On May 24th, field day took place. The events were: a picnic, capture the flag, obstacle course, kickball, frisbee toss, and relay races. My favorite was the obstacle course. When we were in line we found a caterpillar!

**Alycia Cove**

### A Fun Day At James Clark School

First we started with a picnic, then we played capture the flag. My favorite was kickball. Mrs. Longhi was in charge. My mom also helped out. The relay races were the spoon, eraser, and sack races. We had a popsicle and a pretzel and soda snack in our room given to us by Chelsea LaBelle.

**Anthony Ardolino**

### A Field Day Graph

Room 6 Results - Kickball and the obstacle course tied as favorites. Capture the Flag was the winning game. Three people liked the picnic the best.

**Peter Longhi**

### An Exciting Afternoon At James Clark School

There was a tie in the Capture the Flag game - the blue team and the white team. The blue team won in kickball. We all played the frisbee toss. We ate a lot of watermelon and we had a picnic!

**Matthew Werther**

### Field Day

I liked field day. It was fun because I enjoyed the obstacle course. It was easy! We moved to different spots all afternoon.

**Harley Avery**

### Field Day

On field day, I liked playing kickball with Danny and Alan the most. I loved the obstacle course, too. It was all the best! It was a nice day.

**Jedidiah Hall**

### A Perfect Field Day For You

First you will go outside and have a picnic. Then the fun will start. Tug of war is fun but the best is Capture the Flag. I also would like soccer to be added. I know that you would like the day!

**Allison Ventulett**

### Field Day

On Friday, May 24th, our school had a field day. In the kickball game, Harley Avery kicked a homerun. It was a hot day, but we had popsicles. We played Capture the Flag and did an obstacle course with Mr. Parker. We played relay races and ate watermelon.

**Matthew Marek**

### Field Day At James Clark School

Our field day included a picnic, capture the flag, kickball, obstacle course, frisbee toss, bowling, spoon relay, sack race, tug of war, and eraser relay. Out of all of these, I liked capture the flag the most. What do you think you would have liked the most? I thought the popsicles were yummy!

**Nicole Cirillo**

### Fun Filled Friday

On field day, there was a picnic, a fair, bowling, and games. I liked kickball the best because I

caught the ball. Mrs. Goodwin played with Anthony's brother Andrew. I liked the watermelon, and capture the flag was cool!

**Nicole Wilk**

### A Fun Field Day

On May 24th, we had a picnic at 12:00. We played capture the flag, kickball, and had fun. We went on to the obstacle course and ate watermelon. It was sticky! We played frisbee toss, relay races, had a fair, and ate popsicles.

**Chelsea Rice**

### Field Day

On field day we did fun games! This is what we played: kickball, frisbee, football toss, tug of war, relays, and an obstacle course. After each station we had water and then a popsicle. The sack race was fun! The green team won the eraser relay.

**Brenden Reed**

### Field Day

I liked the obstacle course the best! I liked the boxes that you jump over and the balance beam. I also liked the popsicles, watermelon, and the tug of war event.

**Alan Murphy**

### Tug Of War

The blue and white teams played tug of war twice. It did turn into a war, believe me! First, the blue team beat the red team, then the white team beat the blue team. It was fun!

**James Valenti**

### May 24, 1996

On May 24th we had a picnic, games and relays. It was so much fun, you should have been there! Field Day was excellent.

**Tifani Sherbo**

### Field Day

On Field Day I liked the obstacle course. In tug of war the white team pulled down the blue team. We also played frisbee toss.

**Jeremy Linsky**

### Field Day

My favorite part of field day was the picnic because I love food! I loved all the activities on Field Day, especially the tug of war game.

**Chelsea LaBelle**

### Field Day at James Clark School

We all had tons of fun playing capture the flag, the obstacle course, having a picnic, and eating popsicles and watermelon.

**Rebecca Largay**

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Three cheers to all of the parents and teachers who planned and participated in "Field Day 1996." The children had a wonderful time, and will long remember your efforts!

**Mrs. Goodwin**



THE SECOND GRADE CLASS OF BEVERLY GOODWIN at James Clark School wrote a KIDS' CORNER for the school's Annual Field Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Perry Lane Totem Pole



CAMPERS AT PERRY LANE PARK Summer Camp recently painted a totem pole as one of the day's activities. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Students Receive End-Of-Year Kudos At Ag. Jr. High

The following awards were presented to Agawam Junior High students at an end-of-the-year Awards Assembly.

**Outstanding Art Students:** Seventh grade students Ryan Richardson and William Campana and eighth grade students Lisa Dineen and Kerry St. Laurent were named the "Outstanding Art Students."

According to their teachers, these students possess a natural artistic ability, an enthusiasm for learning, and an appreciation of the visual arts and its history.

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The students in Mrs. LaMotte's period "D" class participated in a research project that produced flowers to be planted in the base of the school gym.

This project included growing plants from seed, setting variables, collecting data on the growth, and evaluating the finished product.

Teacher John Burns presented awards to Peter Hopkins (first place), Daniel Marsili (second place), and Justin Bard (third place).

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The Junior Solar Sprints is a vehicle design and race competition sponsored by ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers), DOE (Department of Energy), and Solar Now.

This year, Agawam was represented at the West-Central Region I competition held at Western New England College by:

Steven Antaya, Maria Laudati, Andrew Mutti, Daniel Shaw, and Kenneth Shaw.

Steven Antaya won Second Place for design in the competition.

In the New England Finals held at Beverly High School, Beverly, MA, Agawam was represented by Steven Antaya, Maria Laudati, Daniel Shaw, and Kenneth Shaw.

Steven Antaya won Second Place in the Innovative Design class and his car will be displayed in the Boston Science Museum during the next school year.

Junior Solar Sprint awards were presented to the students by Teacher John Burns.



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH BAND perform on the front walkway of the building on the last day of school.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Vacation Bible School At St. David's Church

St. David's Episcopal Church has a treat in store for all youngsters ages four to grade six at its vacation Bible school.

This year's VBS will begin Monday, August 5th, and continues through August 9th. Vacation Bible school is in session from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. each day. The church is located at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The theme for this year's event is "Friendship Adventures with Jesus" and will take participants on a most exciting adventure. A special feature of the VBS program is Camp Friendship, a place to

share, sing, look, listen, and learn together. Everyone can look forward to stories, skits, music crafts, and more!

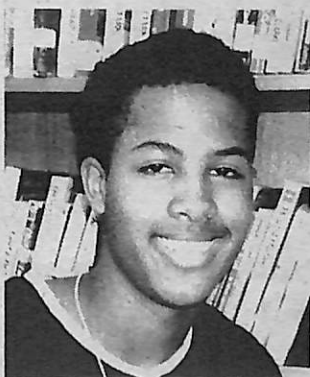
"Friendship Adventures with Jesus" is an exciting and important learning opportunity for children, youth, and adults. Registration is now in progress.

You can register or obtain additional information by visiting the church office between the hours of 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. or by calling 786-6133.

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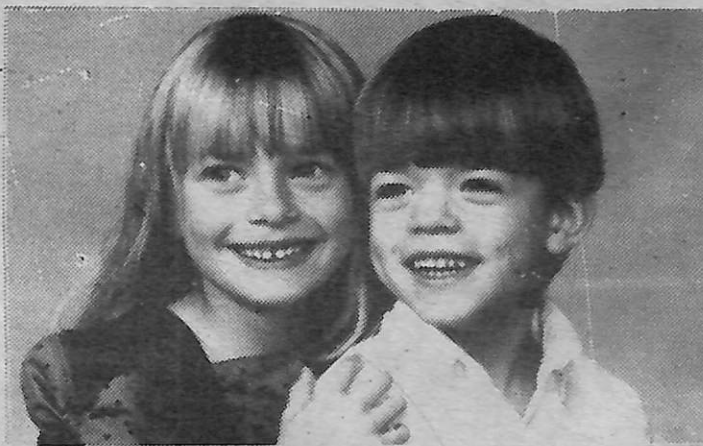
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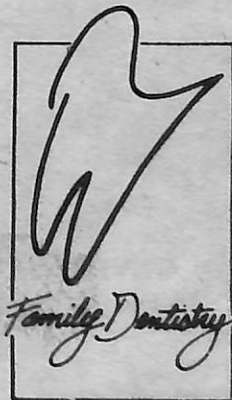
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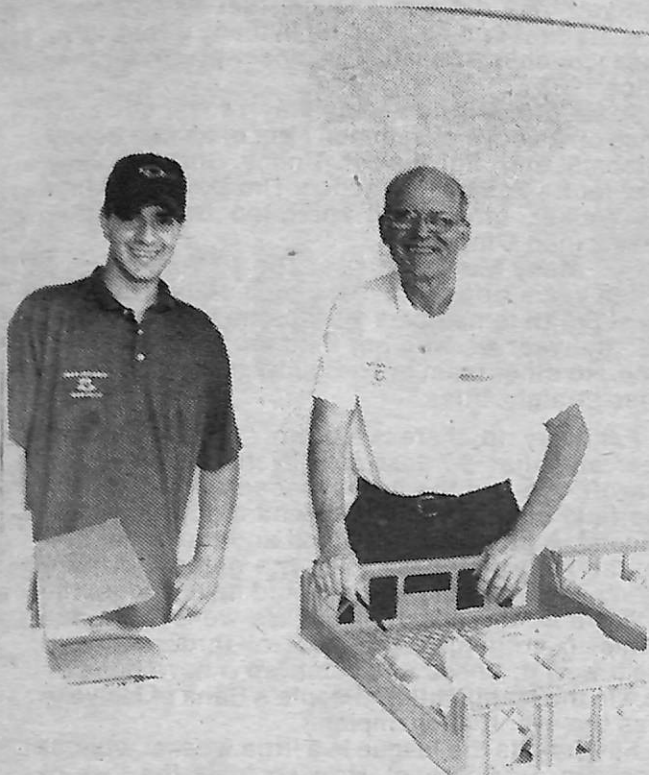
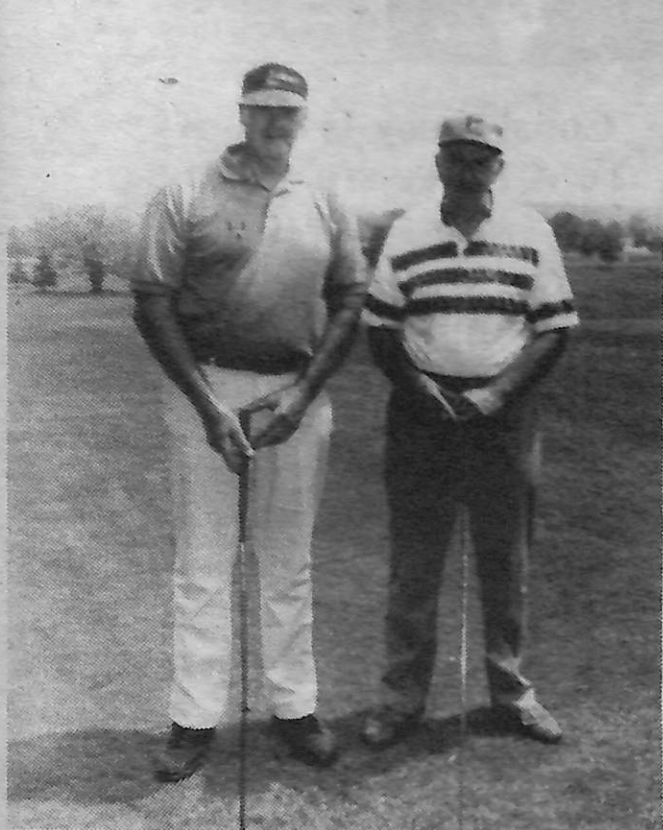
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## Sports

### Fran's Restaurant Raises Money For Camp Rainbow



FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, Fran's Restaurant, located at 37 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, has been sponsoring a summer golf tournament at Crestview Country Club to raise money for Camp Rainbow: IN LEFT PHOTO: Herb Carpenter and Al Riberdy. IN MIDDLE PHOTO: Christian DeBonville and Fran Mulcahy, owner and operator of Fran's Restaurant. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Marybeth Sullivan Kass and Sandy Drewnowski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Picnickers Gather In Lisa Ziegert's Memory



On Sunday, June 30th, following a tournament at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course to benefit the Lisa Ziegert Scholarship, a picnic was held in her honor at the Agawam VFW pavilion. IN LEFT PHOTO: Joan Eckert, Donna Brignoli, Barbara Viens, Shelley Borgatti-Reed, and Sharon Ziegert. IN MIDDLE PHOTO: Donna Brignoli and Barbara Viens are busy slicing grinder rolls. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Shelley Borgatti-Reed and Rick Brignoli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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# Tri-County Baseball Becomes Thing Of The Past For Town

If you're a fan of the Tri-County Baseball League, by this time in the season, you might have noticed that something is missing. **Agawam Auto School** is no longer in the lineup.

After 10 years in a league that began in 1949, four consecutive division championships and three straight league crowns (1992, 1993, 1994), the Auto Schoolers have hung it up.

Now the reason isn't what you might think - financial support. "It cost us between three and five thousand dollars a season to run the club," Gerry Smith, AAS owner and team manager said. "We had no problem with that."

The problem that brought the champs to earth was in the player department. "We just didn't have them," Smith admitted. And he didn't mean there weren't guys with great ability to play for him; there simply weren't enough of them.

## Down To Seven Players

Smith noted that after last season, the team was down to seven players. "We were the second oldest team in the league behind Oliver Auto Body," Smith said. He was also aware that the players had jobs to pursue and family responsibilities. The 1995 MVP, centerfielder Jed Breitbart, was transferred to Atlanta. All-league second baseman Matt Edgerly had commitments in Virginia.

"The situation would have meant a total rebuilding of the team which would have taken a long time," Smith said.

He might have shortened it up a bit by looking towards players around the league. "I'm not the kind of guy who raids other teams. And getting good high school players would have been tough on those kids, because it takes a while to come up to the level of Tri-County competition," he added.

Leaving Tri-County was a tough decision, according to Smith. "The team and I pretty much agreed the end was eminent after the final playoff game last year when we lost 8-7 to Oliver." Then he added, "But it wasn't written in stone until just before the start of this season."

He laughed when asked if he'd miss it all. "I really haven't had a chance to see if that will hap-

pen yet." He did add, though, that this summer was the first one he's had off in many a year. "I've been coaching baseball in one way or another since 1968.

Some of his outstanding players will still continue on as boys of summer. First baseman Bobby Altobelli and rightfielder Timmy Sheehan now play for St. Joseph's. Pitchers Tim Doyle and Jimmy Walker, along with shortstop Brian Griffin, have joined Oliver.

## Many Memories Over The 10 Years

Ten years brings up many memories. The high point Smith remembers most came in 1994. "That was the year we won our third league championship. No other team in Tri-County history had won three straight titles."

For every up, there is a down. "It had to be last year and that 8-7 loss to Oliver in the division playoff. We had the bases loaded and one out in the final inning. Timmy (Sheehan) got picked off second. A grounder to second and the out at first on the next play gave them the game. If Timmy didn't get a bad break, we would have scored the tying run," the coach said. "We were down one game to nothing in that best of three series. If we'd won it, I have no doubts we'd have gone on to win the league title." (People's Bank of Holyoke was the eventual champion.)

Smith feels the league is a little weaker without Agawam Auto School. He also feels the loss of Fenton's Athletics this year, as well, hurt competition. Only eight teams are competing this season.

He sees the Tri-County League in a period of transition. He believes its future depends on the fan interest. There haven't been as many of them at the games. "With so much sports on television and the addition of cable and even more sports, local competition, even as good as that offered by Tri-County baseball, has suffered," he observed.

But he feels it will get stronger because things seem to go in cycles. Smith doesn't see an Agawam Auto School team in the league again. But while they were there, they had one heck of a run.



## Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
**Jim Modzelesky,**  
PGA  
Oak Ridge Golf Club,  
Feeding Hills, MA

## Consistency Is The Key To A Successful Swing...

When I see players who are poor chippers, they almost always have one mistake in common: they decelerate the clubhead at impact. This leads to erratic and inconsistent contact and a lack of control over distance.

More often than not, this is because they take a long backswing and then try to shut the swing down at impact so the ball doesn't run past the hole.

Here's my advice: make your follow-through the same length as your backswing. If it's a short chip, they're both short; if it's a longer shot, make the swing longer.

That may sound simple, but who said the game has to be difficult?

## Sleeper Golf Tourney At Shaker Farms

The "FOREth" Annual Fitness First Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 3, 1996 at Shaker Farms Country Club from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

The format will be "scramble," and the entry fee is only \$65 per person and includes greens fees, cart, steak or chicken dinner (to be served around 7:00 p.m.), great door prizes, hole-in-one contest entry, and longest-drive contest entry.

The entry deadline is July 27, 1996. The field is limited, so register early! Singles and pairs will be matched up.

The dinner banquet fee for non-golfers is \$20, and the cost for tee or green company sponsors is \$50.

For an application form and/or more information, contact Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-1460.

## Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Golf Open Slated For Aug. 18th

The Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Committee announces that the Ninth Annual Scholarship Golf Open will take place at the Agawam Country Club in Feeding Hills on Sunday, August 18, 1996.

Tee times are available from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The entry fee of only \$50 includes greens fees, cart, prizes, and a smorgasbord at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club in Springfield.

Proceeds from the tournament support scholarships for graduating seniors in Western Massachusetts. For an information brochure and an application, please call (413) 525-2155 or (413) 786-0680.

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## Annual Golf Tournament For Schinelli Renal Fund On August 2nd

On Friday, August 2nd, the 14th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund will be held at the Agawam Country Club.

Registration will take place between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., and will be accompanied with coffee and donuts. A buffet hot and cold lunch will follow the tournament.

The fund was established to honor the late L. John Schinelli, a native of Agawam, formerly

manager of the Springfield District of Western Mass. Electric Co. and a dialysis patient himself. Monies received are used to help dialysis patients and their families in need of emergency money to help pay their rent, utilities, transportation, medical insurance premiums, medicines, etc.

Anyone wishing to participate in the tournament or purchase a sign should contact Ray Pieczarka at 789-0800, Arthur Serra at 786-7699, or John Williams at 786-7094 for further information.

**FOR GLOSSY COPIES OF PHOTOS in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his machine and he will return your call promptly.**



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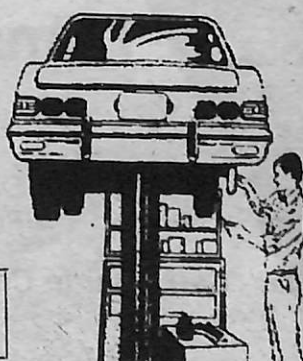
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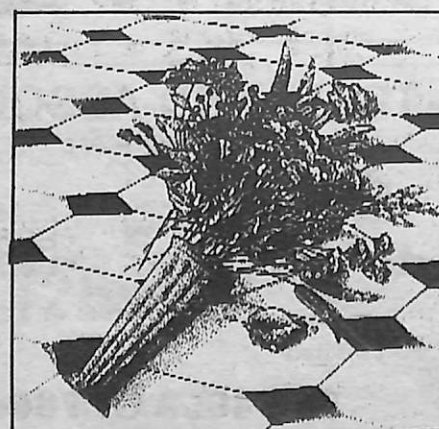
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## Outdoors New England

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### Salt Water Jigs

Salt water jigs come in many sizes and styles, and will catch just about anything that swims. Fluke, stripers, blues, cod haddock, and pollack are just a few of the species that are suckers for a jigged offering.

Party boat anglers destined for deep water cod are familiar with the large diamond jigs and Norwegian jigs that weigh up to 24 ounces or more. These jigs are chrome finished and simulate baitfish. They are worked on stout rods using line in the 40-80 lb. test range. They are lowered to the bottom and are quickly jigged with a sharp lift of the rod. They are then allowed to flutter back down on a taut line. Like any vertical jigging situation, the strike is often encountered as the jig is falling.

Keeping "in touch" with the jig is very important. When a fish inhales a falling jig, the angler may not feel the take. With several hundred feet of stretch prone mono between the angler and the fish, it is important not to be "asleep at the switch."

Some of the new "super lines" with virtually no stretch can be a great benefit under these conditions. The cost of spooling up can be substantial, however.

Any loss of "feel" as the heavy jig falls is the signal to haul back and set the hook. Be sure to keep the jig three to four feet above the bottom, to avoid snags. With some of the stainless steel heavyweights running close to \$20 each, discretion is the better part of valor. Besides, predatory fish are often suspended over the bottom, looking for their next meal.

Fluke fishermen and striper aficionados are familiar with a different type of jig. The lead head bucktail jig ranging from 1/2-ounce up to four ounces is often "dressed" with a variety of additional temptation.

Squid strips, sand worms, or pork rind strips are often added as a trailer to such jigs. No Alibi's, Smiling Bills, and Eel Face jigs are some of the most popular. In contrast to the previously mentioned cod jigs, these jigs are fished in a much different manner.

Fluke fishermen bounce these jigs right on the bottom, as the boat is drifting over likely areas. Surf casters seeking stripers and blues, will hop these jigs back to the beach, hoping to encounter the fish in the zone just outside the surf line.

Striper anglers who troll, often use as specialized rig with a different type of jig. The jig is referred to as a parachute jig. Long strands of artificial "hair" in a variety of colors are tied on the lead head so that the strands are equal distant from both the front and back of the jig. This gives the jig a pulsing action when the jig is swept forward and when it falls back.

This is one of the most deadly methods for taking stripers and blues from mid-depth structures like reefs and shoals. The conventional reel is loaded with wire line. Every 50 feet, a 10-foot length of dacron line is spliced in.

This allows the angler to do two things. First and most important is the fact that the jig is constantly being worked by the angler who is holding the rod upside down at the stern of the boat. With the rod tip pointed at the water, the rod is sharply snapped towards the boat, then the line is allowed to fall back. This sequence is real work, but can result in some tremendous action.

Because the rod is being constantly worked in this manner, it is important that the dacron line is always in the guides. Monel wire is prone to weakening from the constant flexing, therefore by keeping the dacron splice in the rod guides, this won't happen.

Another advantage is that it is easy to figure out how many 50-foot lengths of wire line are in the water. With a 10-foot dacron length every 50 feet, even the arithmetically challenged can figure out how much wire is in the water and depending on depth, can make the necessary adjustments.

### NINTH ANNUAL GREATEST CATFISH TOURNAMENT ON EARTH

Agawam's own Al Gag will be running what he bills as THE GREATEST CATFISH TOURNAMENT ON EARTH. Even if Al Gag is prone to exaggerate just a little, this tournament benefits one of the greatest charities on earth. All of the proceeds go to help those who are afflicted with muscular dystrophy.

The tournament begins on July 27th at 9:00 p.m. and concludes at the weigh-in at Jones Ferry Marina on the Connecticut River in Holyoke at 7:00 a.m. on the 28th.

A total of over \$5,000 in cash and prizes await the lucky contestants! All fish must be weighed alive.

The entry forms are available locally from the Village Package Store in Agawam, Elm Bait in Westfield, Clark's Gulf in West Springfield, Dobies Tackle in Indian Orchard, Fish On Bait and Tackle in Holyoke, as well as Jones Ferry Marina. Oxbow Sports near the Oxbow and Pipeones in Turners Falls all have the \$10 entry forms.

Local companies such as Residential Cleaners, Donut Dip, and others have helped to sponsor this event. The tackle industry has signed on to help this worthy cause, with companies like Berkley, Ande Line, Abu Garcia, Bill Norman Lures, Pauzzke, Yakima, Catcher Co., Hawgly Lures, and last but certainly not least, Al Gag's own company, Gag's Grabbers of Agawam.

Last-minute Louie can always get his (or her) last possible chance to enter at the Jones Ferry Marina up until 6:00 p.m. on the 27th.

Good luck and good fishing!

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Area lakes and ponds are producing bass and pickerel along with other warm water pan fish. Trout action has definitely moved to the deeper water. Trolling with downriggers or lead core continues to be the most productive method. Anglers report that trout are holding just above the thermocline. A good fish finder is a real asset in determining the proper trolling depth.

Valley streams are presenting a challenge to anglers. Wildly fluctuating water levels have confused both the fish and the fishermen. A return to normal water levels should stabilize the fishing conditions.

The Connecticut River as of this writing is receding from near flood stage. The markers on the South End Bridge showed the water above the seven-foot mark. Usually the river is below the zero mark at this time of the year.

### SALT WATER

Hurricane Bertha has rendered any previous reports totally useless. Heavy beach erosion and a combination of high wind and wave conditions have disrupted local ocean conditions. It will be several days before charter and party boats will be bringing back reports.

Surf fishermen can look forward to finding new holes and bars. The reshaping of some near shore structures and the question of whether the bait-fish were blown inshore or chased out to sea by the storm compounds the mystery.

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## 13th Annual Eastern Ski Show At Oxbow Marina On July 27th & 28th

The 13th Annual Eastern Region Ski Show Tournament will be held this weekend at the Oxbow Water Ski Show Team's home site on Old Springfield Road, Northampton, MA.

This is "the big ski show" that everyone is always talking about. Teams from the 14 states of the "Eastern Region" are invited to come and put on their best show. They are scored by judges from around the country, including Cypress Gardens.

This weekend-long event will begin on Friday, July 26th, at 3:00 p.m. when the competitors will begin to arrive and the concessions will be set up. This is the perfect time to come and meet the skiers.

On Saturday, July 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the actual ski show competition will take place, and it will continue on Sunday, July 28th, beginning at 12:00 noon. (However, all competition start times are approximate, as determined by the number of entries that there will be.)

At the end of the Tournament on Sunday, trophies will be awarded and raffle prizes drawn.

There is much interest in water ski shows because they are such great crowd-pleasers and are attractive to all age groups. Families come with their small children, nursing homes call them "field trips," and teenagers think they're really cool.

In the past, the Oxbow Water Ski Show Team has hosted benefit ski shows for such worthwhile organizations as the Shriners Hospital, the American Red Cross, "Jerry's Kids," the American Lung Association, and the Children's Miracle Network (among others).

This year, the Oxbow team will perform "Ski Haw," and each competing team will also have a special theme for its show.

The national sponsor of this competition is the Malibu Boat Company, and the local sponsors are the Oxbow Marina and The INN at Northampton. The trophy sponsor is the MasterCraft Boat Company.

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The 13th Annual Eastern Region Ski Show Tournament is a Class "A" regional tournament sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association (AWSA) and the National Ski Show Association (NSSA). Judges are Nationally Ranked Senior Judges from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Cypress Gardens, Florida.

The Saturday, July 27th competition includes "National Qualifiers" in Strap, Swivel, and Free Style Jump. These are two of the most beautiful and one of the scariest aspects of show skiing. There will also be a full-show competition between the "B" teams of the Eastern Region.

In regard to the Free Style Jump, these daredevil jumpers will be performing stunts such as Helicopters (360 spins), forward flips, back gainers, one-ski jumps, and perhaps even a mobius (a gainer with a twist). All of these stunts will be performed off a six-foot-high ski jump.

There will be medals awarded to the top three finishers in each of the three categories (Strap,

Swivel, and Free Style Jump). The top two finishers are qualified to attend the National Competition in Rockford, Illinois, during August. Greg Payeur from South Deerfield is entered in the Free Style Jump division.

The Sunday, July 28th competition is the "Full Show Tournament" of the "A" teams. These are the best ski show teams in the East, and each team will have one hour to perform its best show.

Each show is judged on Flow, Degree of Difficulty, Showmanship, Spectator Appeal, Announcing, Boat Driving, etc. The best show team will win the "Coveted Silver Cup," which passes from Champion to Champion each year. Every competing team will receive a beautiful trophy to bring home.

What will you see during these shows? A story, complete with great costuming and music. Skiers performing stunts like "five men over the jump" and other skiers screaming across the water at 40 mph on their BARE FEET! Beautiful girls doing a 12-girl, one-ski standing start, all at the same time ... then entertaining you with ballet movements on the water.

Couples will be performing intricate lifts on the water, such as lifts performed in pairs figure skating. Then there's always the ski show favorite — THE HUMAN PYRAMID, where skiers climb as high as two, three, and maybe even four levels above the water, upon each other and creating the thrilling human pyramid!

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In addition to the actual competition, there will be state-of-the-art towboats and equipment on site. Concessions, provided by "Myer's Eatery" of Northampton, will be available all day.

Raffles will include prizes such as Coast Guard-approved life vests and other equipment. Commemorative t-shirts will also be available.

So, put on your swimsuit, suntan lotion, beach hat, and "shades" and come on down to the beautiful, breezy shores of the Oxbow in Northampton.

Parking space is limited. There is a \$5 per carload parking fee, so fill up the mini-van or station wagon and come on down!

To get to the ski show, take I-91 to exit 18 (North or South). Bear right onto Route 5 South. Pass the Public Boat Launch, take a right at "Oxbow Sports" onto EAST STREET. Go 1.2 miles on East Street and take your first right onto FORT HILL ROAD.

Go half-a-mile and bear right at the white house. Please drive slowly, as you are in a wildlife sanctuary. Go another half-mile and you are there. Park in the grass field on your right.

If you are coming from Easthampton, take Route 141 to East Street, go 2.3 miles, and take a left onto FORT HILL ROAD. Then follow the directions as listed in the previous paragraph.

For further information on the 13th Annual Eastern Region Ski Show Tournament, call Cam at (413) 527-5808, Pete at (413) 786-5731, or Deb at (413) 538-9568.

## WMAS Radio To Sponsor Open Pantry Golf Benefit

WMAS AM-FM Radio is sponsoring this year's Open Pantry Golf Benefit. Their on-air personalities will help make this year's benefit a success.

The tournament, which will be at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield, will be played on Thursday, August 22nd. Sign-up is at 9:00 a.m.; shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m. This benefit is for both men and women.

The benefit, which was started four years ago by Paul Skowera as a way of raising money for the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry, has grown and raised over \$11,000 to date. This year hopes to be the biggest yet. The need for funds grows each year, and as the Bible says, "What you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me."

The prizes — which include an evening on the town with a limousine and dinner for two, a week's vacation in Florida, and a set of Spaulding irons — will be part of a drawing to be held on the day of the tournament.

All the sponsors' money and proceeds from the benefit go to the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry. Those who are interested can play for \$74, which includes golf, cart, meal, and on-course prizes.

For more information about the golf benefit and how to register, contact the Open Pantry in West Springfield at 734-7969, or Paul Skowera at 739-1695.

## Babe Ruth All Stars Compete In Regional Baseball Tournament

Congratulations to the 13 year-old Babe Ruth All Stars, who recently won their District Tournament by defeating Amherst, Greenfield, West Springfield, and Greenfield again to win a trip to the State Tournament.

In their first game, they defeated powerhouse Leominster, 7-5, in one of the best games of the entire tournament. The game was the biggest upset in 10 years, according to tournament director Steve Maslar of Westfield.

In its second game, Agawam was beaten by eventual runner-up Pittsfield, 10-6. Agawam showed its muscle by beating Worcester, 12-0, in the third game. But the team's dreams of a State Championship were dashed when they were beaten by Leominster, 4-1, in an action-packed game.

Following the tournament, Steve Bonesteel, manager of the Babe Ruth All Stars, stated, "I'm very proud of all the boys; they played their hearts out in every game. Also, special thanks to Coach Kelliher, Coach Federico, and Coach Pearson for all their help, and of course my two very dedicated and hard-working coaches: Gary DeSimone and Howard Rogers. Thanks to everyone!"

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## Suburban Softball Holds Car Wash



THE AGAWAM SUBURBAN GIRLS 13-15 fast pitch softball team from the Sacred Heart Athletic Association held a benefit car wash recently. Team members who participated included Tiffany Blackman, Erin Sullivan, Lisa Bienia, Alison Pisano, Elizabeth Stieg, Laura Bucalo, Mary Fiorentino, Diane Balicki, Jen Pietroniro, and Amanda Merola. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## SHAA Girls' 13-15 Playoff Champs



TEAM MEMBERS of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's playoff champs for 1996. Standing - Coach Dave Lyman, Ashley Thomas, Alyssa Gagnon, Nicole White, Lindsey Jeserski, Erin Sullivan, Jennifer Martin, and Coach Dan Sullivan. Kneeling - Leanne Ryan, Amanda Merola, Tiffany Blackman, Jennifer Lyman, and Jennifer Burke. Missing - Kim Hume.

## Local Youngsters Compete In Hershey's State Track Meet

Almost 600 athletes, ages nine through 14, competed in the Massachusetts State Hershey Track and Field Meet at Braintree High School in Braintree, MA on Friday, July 19, 1996.

Agawam Parks and Recreation had seven athletes qualify at their local meet held at the Agawam High School track on Saturday, June 15th. The top 16 athletes in each event from across the state were invited to participate in the state meet.

Two of the seven athletes were unable to compete at the state finals. Danielle Cirillo qualified in the girls' 11-12 200-meter dash and Neil Donah qualified in both the boys' 9-10 50-meter dash and the standing long jump.

The five athletes who competed in the meet all finished in the top eight in their event. Each received a ribbon, certificate, and T-shirt which they wore at the meet.

Nicholas Gumlaw was the first to compete at the meet. Nick had to run both a trial and final in the boys' 9-10 100-meter dash. He finished seventh in the final with a time of 15.7 seconds. Nick also competed in the boys' 9-10 softball throw and finished second with a throw of 130 feet, 7.5 inches missing out on first place by less than an inch.

Christopher Holl competed in the boys' 11-12 softball throw and placed seventh with a throw of 137 feet, 3.25 inches. Michael McGeoghan competed in the boys' 11-12 standing long jump and finished eighth with a jump of six feet, two inches. Elizabeth Clark competed in the girls' 13-14 standing long jump and finished third with a jump of seven feet. Peter Midura was the last of the five athletes to compete. Peter placed seventh in the boys' 11-12 800-meter run.

Congratulations to all the athletes for a job well done. A special thanks to Dan Pryce for instructing the Sunday Youth Track Program which helped to introduce the sport of Track and Field to many Agawam children, and to Rich and June Clark for chaperoning our local athletes to the State Meet in Braintree.

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## Riverside 500 Team Coming On August 3rd

On Saturday, August 3rd, Riverside Park Speedway will host its third annual "Riverside 500 Team Concept" event. This is one of the most unique events in NASCAR racing, and it is also a night to visit with the "real" living legends of auto racing — those famous drivers from the past whose names are associated with the foundation and success of Riverside Speedway and other New England racetracks.

Still, that's not all because the event will also feature a visit from the Atlantic Coast old-timers. What's more, this evening of racing will host the Late Models, Strictly Stocks, and the Legends cars besides the unique concept format.

In short, the August 3rd program will be a night of star-studded fun that will blend the best of the past with the potential for the future at Riverside Park Speedway.

The "Riverside 500 Team Concept" is special in the fact that it teams the Modified four-type drivers with the Pro Stock competitors. The teams are determined by time trials which allow anyone to attend on equal grounds.

Team number one will be comprised of the fast time in the Modifieds and the fast time in the Pro Stock; team number two will be made up of the second fastest in both divisions; and the remaining pairings will continue until a total of 24 teams are ready to start to field.

A draw will determine what feature will be run first, and the results of the first feature will determine the starting spots of the teammates in the second feature.

For example, if Reggie Ruggiero turned in the fastest time in the Modifieds and Tom Carey was the fastest in the Pro Stocks, they would be team number one. Then, if the Pro Stock feature is selected (by draw) to run first and Carey finishes third in that feature, Ruggiero will run third in the Modified feature.

Besides a strong combined event purse of over \$20,000, the overall top three teams will receive an additional \$1,000 bonus to be divided amongst themselves. Each Modified and Pro Stock feature will be 75 laps in distance, and the Late Models will run a 25-lap feature and the Strictly Stocks will compete for 20 laps.

What's more, the Legends cars will be on hand and running, and there will also be a "special" tribute to the drivers of yesteryear.

Drivers from the past who are "real" living legends are invited to contact Riverside Park Speedway at 1-800-370-7488 (race department, ext. 3301) for a special VIP guest invitation to the event. The drivers — plus the other competing drivers from the past and present — will take up a collection to give to the charity of choice.

In 1994, Renee Charland collected money for the Racing Museum, and in 1995, the money was given to the family of the late Jim Cash. (Cash died from heart problems while attending the event.)

Incidentally, this year's event will not have a special celebrity race unless pre-approved by exact invitation only.

The "Riverside 500 Team Concept" program is priced at \$15.99 for adults and \$2.99 for kids 11 years of age and under. Remember, the action is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m.

## Amazing Crowds & Car Counts Highlight Riverside's Sunday

Sunday racing at Riverside Park Speedway continues to produce amazing crowds and car counts of 150 with great short-track racing. And what's better than those facts are the names of new winners that continue to be added to the list of accomplishments.

On Sunday, July 21st, **Glen Meisenholder** — in his third race in the truck division — secured his first win with the Joe Bean Auto Body Chevy Truck. Glen started in mid-pack to hold off the challenges of Dave Capriati. These two battled through traffic right to the checker. Glen is a graduate of Go Kart racing, where he has set many records.

At the finish, it was Glen Meisenholder for the win over Dave Capriati, Brian Witkamp, Robert Bellinger, and Gary Kibbe. Sixth through 10th were Marty Kosakowski, Nanci Muni, Don Truskaukas, Don Bellinger, and Wendy Charles.

After six years of trying, frontrunner **Scott Neleber** finally won his first feature in the competitive Strictly Stocks. For 1996, Scott becomes the 15th different winner in this division.

Neleber destroyed the car on Saturday and worked around the clock to race in Sunday's event. And it paid off, as Scott led every lap to the checker.

A great battle was also turned in by second-place driver Mark Anderson. Both Scott and Mark just pulled away from the field.

With three laps to go, Glen Reilly started to move in but ultimately settled for third. Fourth and fifth went to Jon Waterhouse and point leader Patrick Townsend, respectively. Rounding out the top 10 were Pat Kretchman, Jim Sommers, Jon Yourga, Derek McClain, and George Colton.

**George Savary** came from 18th to take the lead in the Pro 4 Modifieds. The veteran again pulled away to win another event.

Still, the real battle was for second through fifth. Early leader Harry Wheeler was pressured heavily by George Ruff, Ron Smith, and Chris Osello.

At the checker following Savary, it was Ruff, Smith, Osella, and Wheeler who comprised the

top five. Sixth through 10th went to Tom Gavine, George Sherman, Julian Gorman, Joe Doucette, and Dick Dubois.

In the "Blunderbuss" visit to Riverside, it was a battle of the big-block, full-size cars of the past, as **Tom Pickerell** was the star of the feature event. Second went to Ross Savoy, followed by Ron Pickerell, Troy Ferdinando, and Gordon Huyler.

These cars are welcome to visit Riverside on any Sunday night. After the race on July 21st, they put on a great show for the second time.

Another one of the repeat winners was Super Stock champion **Mark LaJoie**, who came from the middle of the field. Jon Provencher followed LaJoie to the checker, but he had to settle for second.

Terry Page was third over early leader Tony Daddio and Mike Chavas. Rounding out the top 10 for the Super Stocks were Rick Charette, Craig Collins, Scott Garrity, Keith DeSantis, and Jose Rodriguez. This race marked LaJoie's third win of the 1996 season.

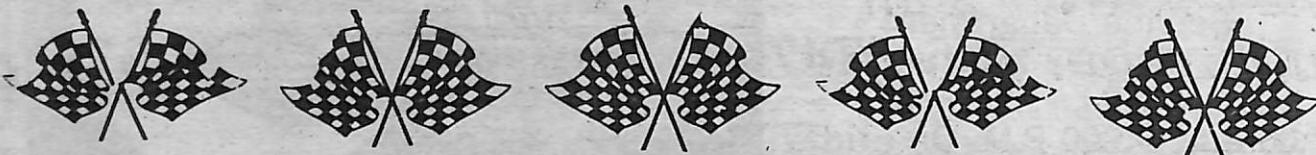
A field of 37 Mini Stocks came out for two features at Riverside, and one of last year's big winners managed to visit victory lane for the very first time.

**Ron Barnes** took down the number-one spot with 10 laps to go, as Tom Gavine (the defending champion) moved in to finish second. Coming in third was early race leader Betty Ann Plourde, who was followed by Will Smith and Paul Kratochovil.

Sixth through 10th were Ace Johnson, Dan Zavisza, George Coreela, Ron Mayette, and Mike Nolan.

Meanwhile, **Bob Pinnette** won the full-size Enduro event.

The next full "Marathon Madness" Sunday event (rain or shine) is scheduled to be held on August 4th at 6:00 p.m. Entry is available for the full-size or four-cylinder Enduro by writing to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn. Mary), or by calling 1-800-370-7488 (Star 4 — race hot line).



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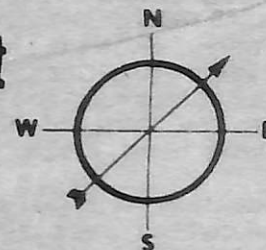
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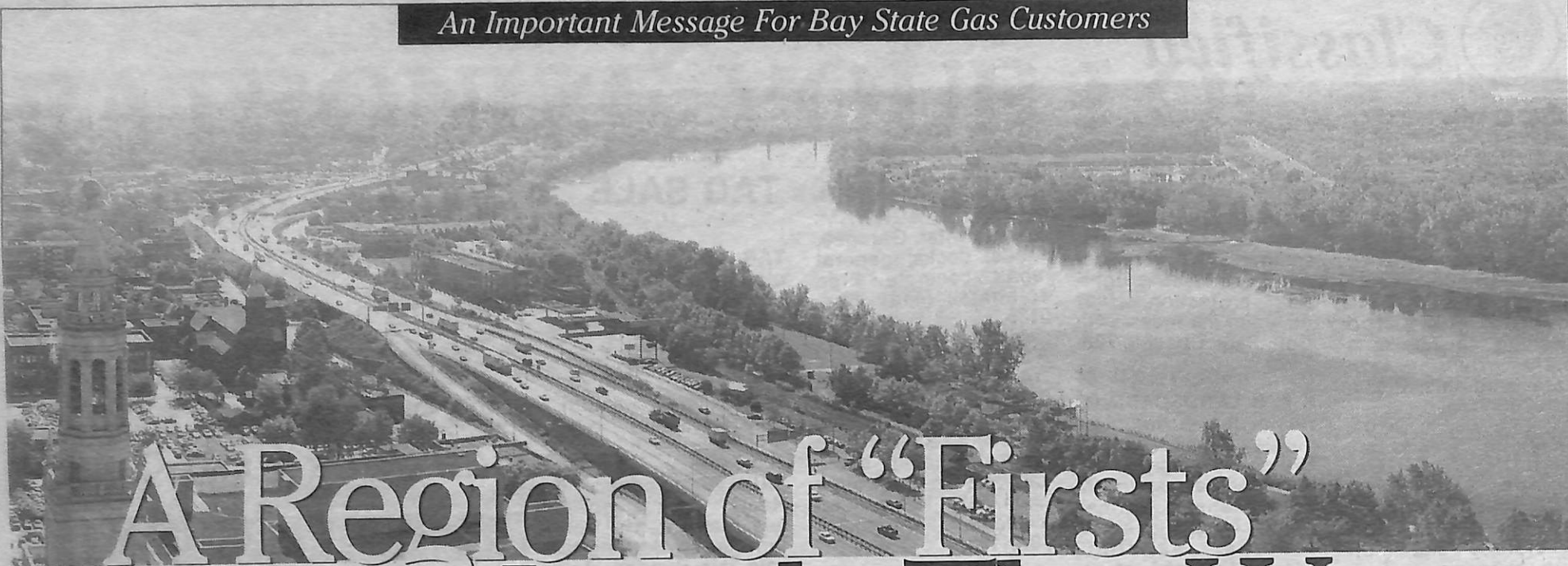
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Natural gas suppliers soon will be promoting their specific gas prices and incentives and communicating enrollment specifics. If you prefer, though, you can call 1-800-227-0904 beginning August 1st, for a list of gas suppliers you can contact directly. Bay State Gas customers can begin to sign up with their supplier of choice on August 1, 1996. Gas suppliers will begin delivering gas to customers' homes, through the Bay State Gas pipeline system in November. To participate in the pilot program you must enroll by October 1, 1996.

## What If I'm Not A Bay State Gas Customer?

If you convert to natural gas by October 1, 1996, you may still participate in *Pioneer Valley Customer Choice*. And if your home is located along Bay State's underground piping system, the company will install up to 170 feet of pipe from the street to your home at no charge. For more information, call Bay State Gas at 1-800-575-6675 or you can coordinate the installation with your participating natural gas supplier.



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